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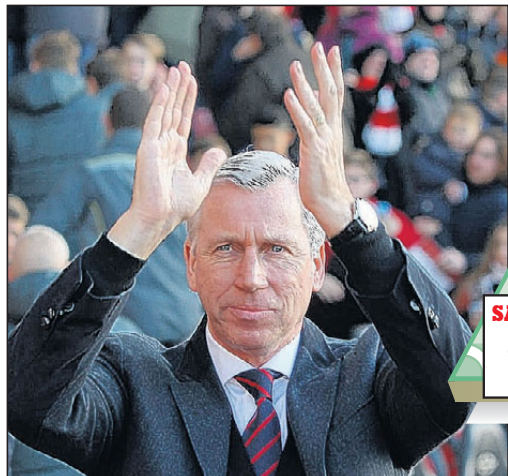
CHANCE OF GLORY GOES



IN FRONT: Elia celebrates as the second Saints goal goes in



CUP HERO: Former manager Lawrie McMenemy was a guest at the game



VICTORIOUS RETURN: Ex-Boss Alan Pardew finally scored a win back at St Mary's

SAINTS have only the Premier League left to focus on this season after they were knocked out of the FA Cup 3-2 by Crystal Palace at St Mary's.

Ex-Saints boss Alan Pardew, who had suffered a hat-trick of defeats on his previous returns to the club, got the better of his former employers this time round thanks to a dramatic first half.

Though the league has always been the priority for Saints this season after their brilliant start, with so many upsets as the big guns tumbled out at the fourth round stage does mean a chance for some glory in the competition has gone begging for another season.

Saints joined the likes of Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham in exiting the tournament this weekend.

Palace created a half-chance within the first minute as Marouane Chamakh laid a half cleared free kick back to Wilfried Zaha but his first time effort from the edge of the area went over the bar.

However, it was Saints that

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took the lead with their first chance of the game on nine minutes.

It was a simple one too as James Ward-Prowse whipped in an inswinging left wing free kick that beat everybody except the on running Graziano Pelle at the far post.

He produced a first time stabbed volley from six yards out that Wayne Hennessey reached diving down to his left but couldn't prevent from getting past him and over the line.

The lead lasted just two minutes though as Crystal Palace hit Saints on the counter attack to equalise.

Yaya Sanogo drilled in a low shot across goal from the left that Fraser Forster looked to have covered.

He dived to his left and seemed to have his body behind it but it bounced slightly off of him and into the mid-

dle of the six yard box.

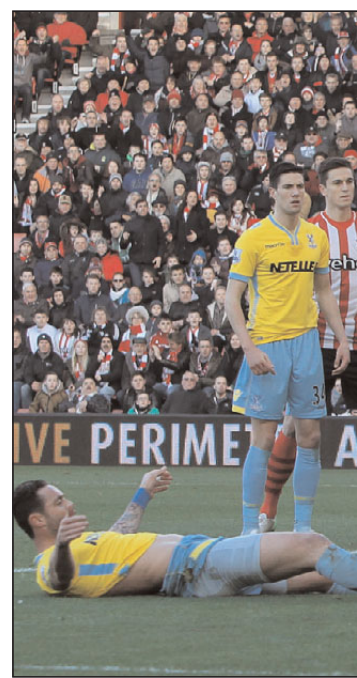
Chamakh won the race to the loose ball and managed to poke into the empty net from a couple of yards out.

Saints so nearly fell behind on 16 minutes as Dusan Tadic was caught in possession dwelling on the ball midway inside his own half.

Chamakh lofted a pass over Florin Gardos and picked out Sanogo who fired a shot goalwards that Forster blocked and gathered at the second attempt.

A breathless match continued as Saints went straight down the other end to restore their advantage.

It was unfortunate from a Palace viewpoint as Ryan Bertrand drilled in a cross from the left by-line. Palace defender Scott Dann slid across at the near post to try and cut out the danger but



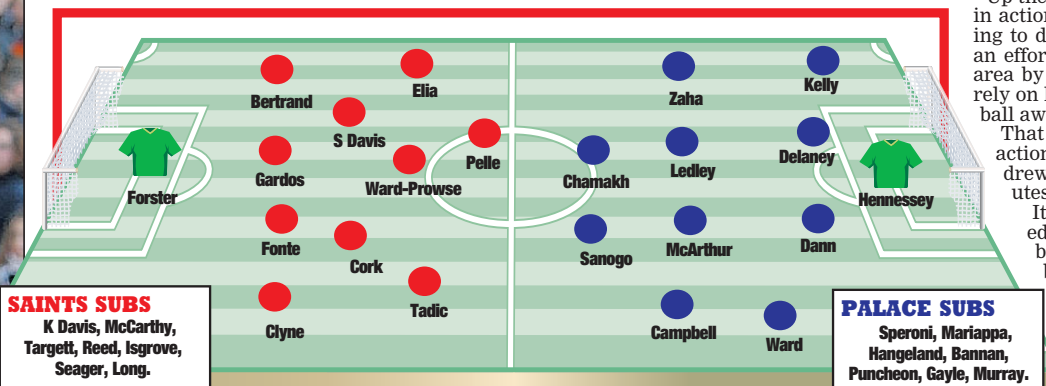
only diverted the ball straight into his own net for 2-1.

Up the other end Forster was in action again, this time having to dive to his left to block an effort from the edge of the area by Frazier Campbell and rely on his defence to hack the ball away from danger.

That wasn't the end of the action though as the Eagles drew level again on 21 minutes.

It was Zaha who provided the assist, laying the ball into Sanogo in the box who finished right footed back across goal and past Forster who dived full length to his left but was unable to reach a well directed shot.

Ward-Prowse threatened again for Saints five minutes later with a fierce low drive from 20 yards out that skimmed just wide of the far post.



RONALD Koeman made just one change to the Saints side that defeated Newcastle for the visit of Crystal Palace in the FA

TEAM NEWS

Cup fourth round.
Jack Cork made his first start

since being sidelined by an ankle injury in December with Harrison Reed dropping to the bench.

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Saints Spotlight

RETURN SEES SAINTS JOIN OTHER BIG-NAME CUP CASUALTIES

FA CUP BEGGING



GREAT START: Graziano Pelle scored Saints' first goal on nine minutes
Picture: Stuart Martin

Steven Davis produced a very similar effort on 32 minutes and it produced a very similar result as it flew narrowly wide.

Amazingly, there was to be a fifth goal in the half as Palace took the lead for the first time on 39 minutes.

Joel Ward advanced deep into the Saints half, somehow kept possession when it seemed the ball would be taken off of him and chipped a pass over the defence and to Chamakh who was onside.

He brought the ball down and advanced into the area, went

outside Forster and managed to squeeze a low finish past the keeper diving back at his feet and in at the near post.

Chamakh picked up the opening booking of the game for a foul on Steven Davis before referee Jon Moss brought a goal laden first half to a close with Palace having a narrow advantage.

Saints made a half time change with Matt Targett replacing Gardos. Targett went to left back with Bertrand moving to centre half.

Palace had a chance for

another goal five minutes after the restart as Joe Ledley's corner found the unmarked Dann eight yards out but he headed over the bar.

Targett quickly became the first Saints player in the book for a foul on Zaha.

Saints were dominating possession more in the second period and restricting Palace to pacy counter attacks but were struggling to create much, which led to a second substitution with Shane Long replacing Cork on 59 minutes. Ward-Prowse dropped deep

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ALL SQUARE: Crystal Palace players celebrate Yaya Sanogo's goal to make the scores 2-2 after 21 minutes



ON THE BALL: Dusan Tadic beats Palace full-back Martin Kelly

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Saints Spotlight



Lost chance of cup glory

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with Long playing up top off of Pelle. Palace responded by bringing on former Saints star Jason Puncheon for Chamakh.

Nathaniel Clyne was next in the book for a late challenge.

Saints were dealt a blow when Long collided with a Palace defender when chasing into the area and had to coming off with damage to his right arm. Ryan Seager came on for a first team debut on 73 minutes.

Fonte collected a booking for going through the back of Sanogo who then came off for Adrian Mariappa as Palace looked to defend their lead. Palace made their final switch with eight minutes remaining with Glenn Murray replacing Campbell.

Saints were really struggling to put any sustained pressure on Palace in a performance that was very unlike how they have played in the Premier League.

Eljero Elia came close to a late equaliser as a short free kick allowed him to drill in an effort from just outside the box that Hennessey tipped just over the bar.

The fourth official held up the board to show there would be six minutes of added time for Saints to try and find an equaliser and force a replay. In truth they didn't really come much closer than they had in the half up until that point and the final whistle confirmed their exit from the competition.



SADNESS: Graziano Pelle at the final whistle

Long faces weeks out with injury

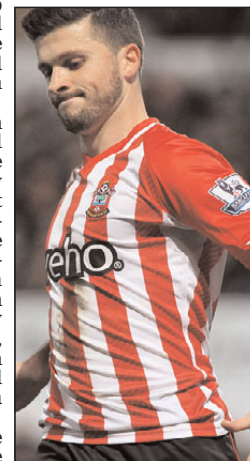
SHANE Long is facing weeks on the sidelines after suffering suspected fractured ribs in the defeat against Crystal Palace.

Long (pictured) had only been on the pitch for 14 minutes as a second half sub when he collided with a Palace defender and had to be helped from the field.

He has been taken to hospital in an ambulance to have the injury fully assessed, but all the early indications are that he has suffered fractured ribs, which means he will join the likes of Toby Alderweireld, Morgan Schneiderlin and Victor Wanyama on the sidelines.

"I spoke to the doctor and he thought he will have fractured one or two ribs and that's very painful," reported Ronald Koeman, who will now consider dipping into the transfer market in the next week.

"It's a pity because we don't have that number of players to go with all the injuries that we have. I don't know (how long he will be out for). Normally three, four, five weeks."



KOEMAN SLAMS POOR DEFENCE

RONALD Koeman bemoaned Saints' "very poor" defending as they were knocked out of the FA Cup at the hands of Crystal Palace.

Saints have the meanest backline in the Premier League this season but leaked three first half goals as they were beaten 3-2 by Alan Pardew's men at St Mary's.

The frustration of the defeat was only compounded by the amount of big teams that

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crashed out of the competition on a day of shocks.

Though it may have been an entertaining game for the neutral, Koeman was not so happy.

He said: "For the fans maybe because after 22 minutes it was 2-2 but too much mistakes.

"If I talk about our defen-

sive organisation normally one of the strengths of the team but not today, not working together, too much space in the positions defending.

"They punished us to score three times and maybe to miss another two goals and that was the problem the first 45 minutes.

"We controlled it a little bit but defensively very poor.

"You can't defend like that with the qualities what they have in front, the confidence they have.

"Second half much better

but not good enough to score more and score the draw at least.

"Bad first half defensively was why we lost today."

He added: "Yes frustrating because two times winning in the game and too soon the draw against.

"Maybe after the 1-0 two or three minutes, after the 2-1 the same question and then it's difficult.

"That's strange because it's one of the strengths of the team but not today. Defensively poor, very poor."



MANAGER: Ronald Koeman

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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

COSTA EFFECTIVE

ON A cold November night in 2013, Diego Simeone's groundbreaking Atletico Madrid side was at its ruthless best against a helpless Getafe, in the Vicente Calderon.

Even with a 4-0 lead against ten men, Atletico pressed their opponents with tireless aggression, as they attempted to keep pace with the two eternal heavyweights of the Spanish game – Barcelona and neighbours Real Madrid.

In the 69th minute, captain Gabi got the ball on the right wing and took a quick glance towards the penalty area.

All he could see was the sturdy frame of a certain Diego Costa powering through the centre, outnumbered against two centre backs.

Gabi's delicious cross had just the right amount of power, but it was curling a few inches away from Costa, who looked like he had overrun it.

What he did in the next few seconds got him what was not just the best out of seven brilliant Atletico strikes that night, but also led to that special bit of skill that led to it being nominated for the Ferenc Puskas Goal of the Year award.

Even Getafe's keeper Jordi Codina stood rooted to his spot, unable to process the sheer ingenuity and technical brilliance of the effort, as Costa flung himself into the air and struck a phenomenal bicycle kick into the top corner.

OUTRAGEOUS

In many ways, the goal comes closest to defining the 26-year-old Spaniard – unorthodox, outrageous, and yet supremely effective.

It does not matter if Costa is outnumbered or out of position – he embodies the very essence of a centre forward's responsibility – do whatever with the input and produce the required output.

It is this combination of unpredictability and remarkable footballing instinct that has made him the monster that he is – one of the most complete forwards in the game today.

It is difficult not to admire a player of Costa's calibre.

Ruthlessly industrious, he presses like a mad bull placed on a football pitch.

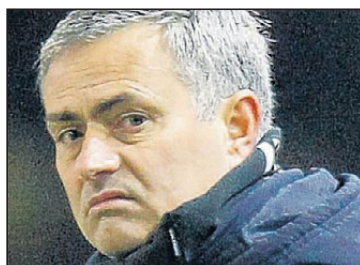
Be it chasing hopeless clearances to hustle defenders, or colliding knee-first into a goal post to score, his physical prowess is matched by his staunch mental resilience and perseverance.

As Atletico did the unthinkable by beating their more illustrious competitors to the La Liga title last season, Costa's contribution to the cause was unquestionable and indispensable.

His steady climb to the top of Atletico's pecking order was anything but easy, though.

By the age of 16, most prodigies are well on their way to footballing greatness, but Costa was still playing football on the streets of Brazil.

Signing for Portuguese club Braga in



TACTICAL NOUS: Jose Mourinho.

2006, he made no league appearances for them and was consigned to the reserve squad.

After Atletico bought him in 2007, he was loaned out to three clubs in the Spanish second division, was sold by Atletico to Valladolid, had a knee injury that led to him failing a medical for a transfer to Besiktas and then came back to Atletico the following season.

He played second fiddle to Atletico's forward-forging legacy, which included Diego Forlan, Sergio Agüero and Radamel Falcao.

Add to that switching allegiances from playing for Brazil to playing for the Spanish World Cup side in Brazil, and Costa has pretty much had to brave it all. It is this continuum of enduring obstacles that has perhaps added to his unshakeable mental strength.

Consequently, Atletico's team, up until last season, was never built around him.

Costa was always forced to incorporate himself into systems with strengths that weren't necessarily congruent with his own.

He was used as an inside forward at Vallecano, using his pace to cut inside from the left wing to shoot.

It was a position he adapted to very well, as he scored ten goals in 16 appearances.

The peak of his footballing education, though, came under Simeone, who recognised the dormant potential of Costa's varying skill sets.

Under his tutelage, Costa finally found a tactical system that played to his strengths – aggressive pressing in high areas, lightning-swift counters and the responsibility of holding up the ball to play in runners from deep.

Simeone realised that, having started his playing career later than most, Costa was still learning to pick up the finer aspects of tactics and forward play.

He was further helped by Simeone's decision to pair him with Falcao, a move which benefitted both forwards and the team as a whole.

Costa was encouraged to drift wide to utilise his experience on the wings, simultaneously creating space for Falcao to exploit.

The Colombian would often drop deep and allow Costa to make forward runs.

That fluidity in the forward ranks yielded 54 goals from the front two alone that season.

After Falcao's departure for Monaco the

next season, Simeone had seen enough to decide that Costa was ready to be the fulcrum of the Atletico attack.

With the advanced role now at his disposal, all goal-scoring responsibilities were placed firmly on the shoulders of the fiery forward.

Costa responded by scoring 35 goals in just 43 starts, including eight from nine games in Atletico's Champions League campaign.

Effectively, Costa's learning curve was similar to that of Thierry Henry, who at one time was forced to ply his trade on the wings at Juventus, in spite of preferring a more central role.

Once Henry was entrusted with the role of playing in the middle, the Frenchman was hailed as the ideal centre forward in the modern game, a goal-scorer who was equally comfortable working the flanks.

Although Costa's goal count was significantly lower, the consequences of acquiring diverse attacking dimensions were there for everyone to see.

After his fine exploits in Atletico's incredible La Liga triumph, Chelsea came calling for his services.

The void left by Didier Drogba had consistently derailed the Blues' title ambitions, and Jose Mourinho hoped that £32m would help provide some much-needed firepower up front.

The Portuguese manager is known to admire hard-working individuals who can adapt to multiple positions, and, from the start, Costa and Chelsea seemed like a match made in heaven.

He began with seven goals in his first four games, bettering the six in four that Sergio Agüero managed for Manchester City on his transfer from Atletico.

But it is not just Costa's goals that have transformed Chelsea's fortunes this season.

MAGICIAN

Once again, his willingness to adapt to a highly-interchangeable forward line has made all the difference.

Recognising the presence of world-class wingers in Eden Hazard and Willian, and a diminutive magician in Oscar, Costa has gone from taking full attacking responsibility to learning to share it.

What is truly an enticing proposition is that Costa could yet make a more substantial tactical impact in the games to come.

Thanks to his experience of playing in different positions, Mourinho's keen tactical acumen could yet see him employ the Spaniard in different roles to help overcome certain challenges.

Costa's intelligent movement and physical exchanges may not seem as elegant next to Eden Hazard gliding on the pitch or an effortless series of stopovers by Willian.

But the Spaniard has proved over the past couple of years that he is the polished, finished deal that every team would love to have.



COMPLETE PLAYER: Diego Costa.

Cup shows up changes



FA CUP weekend is with us again, the chance for the minnows to shine, for the giants to fall and for the impossible to become possible.

The BBC's sports new on Friday gave possibly the most damning indication of how the balance of power has shifted over the last few years when it described Manchester United's game against Cambridge United as the former champion's only chance of silverware this season. There wasn't even the slightest hint of irony or bravado from Cambridge's manager Richard Money when he said the FA cup was "Man Utd's only realistic chance of silverware this season."

For a club like Cambridge to show such blatant disregard for United's status in English football, shows just how much the balance of power has changed. There was a time when clubs like United would field weakened sides and generally treat the FA cup and the League cup with a certain amount of disdain. The League cup in particular has been treated almost like a reserve team run out for most clubs, only gaining any real importance when Wembley loomed on the horizon. It's delicious to see the likes of United taking such interest in the FA Cup when not so long ago they asked to opt out of it.

The visit of Crystal Palace brings former boss Alan Pardew back to St Marys with his currently in form side. Pardew's jump ship from Newcastle left a lot of people bemused, just why would he leave a lucrative contract at St James park for a job that basically centred around keeping Crystal Palace up? The answer probably lies not with the money but with the status. Despite continually upsetting the odds and not struggling with Newcastle, Pardew had to deal with the completely unrealistic expectations of the Georgie faithful. No silverware in over 50 years meant that the pressure will always be on any Newcastle manager to break that trophyless run.

Despite all evidence to the contrary, Newcastle fans still see their club as being a big club, just as Tottenham do. What they really mean when they talk about being a big club is that their club is bigger than yours. (unless you support a genuine top 5 club) For most of us mere Saints fans, that's their whole raison d'être, their club is bigger than Southampton. Which actu-

ally makes them rather small time.

Can imagine being Tottenham or Newcastle's recruitment manager? "Come to Tottenham/Newcastle, have the possibility of European football for all of 3 months, get a lucrative contact... and oh yes, be bigger than Southampton."

Now that's what I call an easy job. Pardew's move to Palace is a shrewd one, whilst he may not be on as big, or as long a contract, as he had at Newcastle you can be damn sure he's not struggling for a few pennies. The pressure is less and if he keeps Palace up he's a hero.

For me Pardew should always be welcome at St Marys. You can speculate as to why he left as long as you want, but it was his appointment that kick started the St Mary's revolution and first instilled that winning mentality at the club.

Much was made, during that first season of the fact that the Johnsons paint cup run had side tracked the promotion bid.

I've always believed that rather than detract from the matter in hand, the cup win actually enhanced the club, gave the players a taste of what winning something was like. It was surely no coincidence that the club went on to 2 successive promotions and were, at times, almost unplayable against.

Alan Pardew played a massive part in the resurrection of this club and I, for one, will always be grateful to him for that.

In closing, Saints face a tricky game against Palace, but as with all cup games, they're great when you're still in it and complete rubbish when you're out.

Lose against Palace and you can be sure every Saints fan in the country will write the cup of as an unnecessary distraction from the league, win it and we're on our way to Wembley.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, get to a cup final and finish anywhere near the top five and Ronald Koeman must surely be a shoo-in for manager of the year. To take a club in "meltdown" after losing five first team players and take them to Wembley or actually improve on last season's achievement would be just incredible.

A good win against Palace at St Marys in the cup, a bit consolidation in the league and the possibility that Danni Osvaldo may well be playing for Harry Redknapp at QPR...

My weekend really couldn't be much better.

CHERRIES CUP SPOTLIGHT

HOWE: WE CAN RESTORE FA CUP'S GLORY



CHERRIES BOSS: Eddie Howe

CHERRIES manager Eddie Howe would like to see the FA Cup restored to its former glory and thinks a Champions League spot for the winners would do the trick.

Howe is a big fan of the competition, his liking fuelled by the exploits of his boyhood heroes Everton in the 1980s – winners in 1984 and runners-up in 1985, 1986 and 1989.

However, while winning the FA Cup used to be second only to lifting the league title on the domestic front, a shift in priorities has seen its prominence diminish in recent years.

Securing a place in the Champions League has become of paramount importance to the big guns, while survival in the Premier League is the main aim of most of the top-flight's other clubs.

And while FA Cup final day would grip the nation when Howe was growing up, a series of

tweaks – including a change in kick-off time – have seen it lose some of its appeal.

Only last week, Saints boss Ronald Koeman called for replays to be scrapped, claiming they were adding to an already-congested fixture schedule in England.

Ahead of Cherries' trip to Aston Villa in the fourth round on Sunday, Howe said: "There have been several changes to the FA Cup format in recent years and I think there will probably be more in the future."

"The replay is not something I would want to see scrapped at this stage. When you have been in our position as a League Two and League One club and you pull a Premier League team at home, you try to battle for a draw to get the chance to go to Old Trafford, the Emirates or wherever."

"Those are the experiences the players take and that is the carrot for them."

"Added to that, there are the financial benefits of getting the

share of the gate from a tie with a Premier League club.

"The days when you had five or six replays, and I remember those in the 1980s, were a good thing to leave behind with the fixture congestion we have now but I wouldn't want to see one replay scrapped because that is the beauty of the FA Cup for me."

"But I would never criticise another manager for having a different view on the competition. That's their right and everyone has to protect their club's interests."

Asked what changes he would like to see, Howe replied: "I would love to see it return to the prominence and importance it had in the 1980s and early 90s and, hopefully, we can all see it come back."

"It wouldn't be for me to punt ideas around but I love the FA Cup and would love to see it restored somehow. I think it may take a bit of time. I certainly think a Champions League place for the winners but that would be the only one I could think of."

Villa 'have nothing to prove'



GIVING HIS ALL: Aston Villa's Alan Hutton

ALAN Hutton insists Aston Villa have nothing to prove against Bournemouth on Sunday as they attempt to avoid an FA Cup upset.

The defender rejected suggestions the Cherries are favourites ahead of their fourth-round clash at Villa Park.

Bournemouth have scored more league goals in the Second City than Villa this season thanks to their 8-0 win at Birmingham in October and have netted 57 times in the Sky Bet Championship.

Villa have hit just seven goals in 11 Barclays Premier League matches at home this term.

The Villans have won just three times in their last 19 games but, ahead of tomorrow's match against Eddie Howe's title chasers, Hutton insists they do not feel any extra pressure. "If anything, they are the ones who will have to come out and beat us," he said.

"We know it is going to be a tough game, but it will be different from the Blackpool game (in the third round). They sat in and tried to hit us on the break."

"This weekend will be a lot different because they are flying and scoring a lot of goals."

"They will come out and try and give us a game."

"We will go out to give our all and hopefully it is a good game of football."

RON IS SAINTS STAR DRAW - SEE PAGES 10 & 11

Saints stars visit primary school for first-ever England roadshow



BACK TO SCHOOL: Saints footballers James Warde Prowse and Matt Targett visit St Mary's Primary School in Southampton. Pictures by Stuart Martin Order no: 31728649

YOUNG LIONS ARE FIRST CLASS...

SAINTS stars James Ward-Prowse and Matt Targett launched the first ever Together for England Roadshow by visiting St Mary's Primary School this week.

The new drive, initiated by the Football Association, aims to further strengthen the Three Lions' relationships with local communities across the country, as well as inspiring and encouraging the England fans of the future.

Southampton was chosen as the first city to host one of the events, with England Under-21 ace Ward-Prowse and his Under-20 counterpart Targett making it an occasion to

remember for the lucky schoolchildren.

As well as helping out in a coaching and skills session, the duo conducted a Q&A with the pupils, judged an England poster competition and handed out FA goodie bags to each kid.

Ward-Prowse said: "It was fantastic to come here and see the smiles on their faces.

"It's a good way of strengthening the relationship between the England set-up and, obviously, all the schools and communities.

"It's great to see the young kids are very enthusiastic about their football and wanting to support England."

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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

BIGGER ISSUES THAN EUGENIE'S TWIRL...

SEXISM in sport does still exist, but a brief twirl on the court is not a shining example of it.

The debate erupted again due to a brief on court, post match interview with Canadian tennis star Eugenie Bouchard after her win in the Australian Open third round.

It is somewhat odd that this was the venue for such a controversy, given these interviews are often the most inane you will find and regular seem to act as a self-serving ego trip for the questioner – note questioner and not journalist – rather than any kind of serious attempt to get proper reaction to a massive sporting event.

Bouchard is somewhat the darling of women's tennis.

Bouchard is a serious tennis player, make no mistake. She clearly is training hard, is very talented and is making waves. It is only a matter of time surely until she wins a Grand Slam.

She is also young and attractive and adorns advertising pages as well as the tennis ones, with a range of big money endorsements and sponsorship deals, and a huge social media presence that includes an impressive number of selfies in various outfits.

In the same way as Maria Sharapova before her, she has turned herself into a global icon, and in the process the highest-earning female sports star on the planet.

She is in demand, and well-rewarded financially outside of the game, thanks to her looks as well as her racquet skills.

Bouchard had made a flattering comment about the outfit of Serena Williams on Twitter, Serena had given a twirl for the crowd in response, and so Bouchard was asked to give a twirl too. She obliged, though looked understandably embarrassed by it.

That was it. This was a cringeworthy moment, should not have happened, and was perhaps a slight touch of sexism on behalf of her questioner, but not to the extent that this should be held up as the horror that it has been.

The argument goes that men wouldn't be asked to do the same, Federer and Nadal wouldn't be asked for a twirl.

But then, when do Federer and Nadal take to social media to talk about the fashion and style of somebody else's kit?

There are far bigger problems than this in women's sport we should be vexed about and yet, as they don't involve the emotive and engaging question of glamour or looks, we choose not to.

Indeed, tennis is one of the few sports where equality does exist – and some argue it has gone too far the other way. Female tennis stars have equal billing and equal pay cheques to their male rivals, even though in grand slam events they actually play less, with best of three rather than five-set matches.

What endorsements players take in return for cash, and what that means to how they are viewed by the general public, is then their call. They are getting paid for it.

Look elsewhere though. Take female rugby, where England players were recently offered one year deals to turn pro. On the face of it a nice gesture, but think harder. What does one year guarantee you? Enough to put on hold or even give up a career?

How about sports where the pay remains divided and weighted in favour of the men?



GLOBAL ICON: Eugenie Bouchard

It's reminiscent of the debates over the last week about the Sun's Page 3 girls.

Like the Bouchard thing it is of a bygone era, it is cringe worthy, but the models have the right to say no. People have the right not to buy the paper.

This in a world where domestic abuse is disgustingly high, and significant numbers of violent crimes against women are still perpetrated and not prosecuted.

Should the twirl question have ever been

asked? No, but that's what you get when you do not employ proper journalists but rather personalities to ask to questions.

Does it prove rampant sexism in sport? No, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

You just have to scratch a little deeper below the surface to find it, but we don't because, ultimately, we are a society obsessed by looks and glamour and celebrity.

We are, in fact, appalled at ourselves.

Living in the past

Golf is so antiquated sometimes that its ideas of help and protection do its players few favours.

Dustin Johnson has this week had to deny reports he has been abusing drugs, thanks in part to the PGA Tour's bizarre policy of not releasing details of positive tests for recreational drugs.

To say that is a backward way of doing things is an understatement, and proof that this is still a sport that is often stuffy and cannot break free of the image that it is run by white and upper middle class establishment figures found to be living in the past.

Their brushing things under the carpet policy may seem a very clever idea to them, and they obviously feel it protects the players. But how exactly has it protected Johnson?

He has taken a six-month leave of absence from the sport, but it took until the rumours reached a crescendo about his alleged drug abuse for them to decide to announce it was not because he was suspended.

People who fail drugs tests in sport deserve to be named and shamed, even if you feel their rehabilitation would benefit from their privacy being protected. It is just the life they have chosen.

There was an assumption that Johnson had taken drugs because of his absence, which he strongly denies, and now, as he starts to prepare for a return to the sport, he finds himself tackling all those questions again and having to justify himself.

The truth should be nothing to fear, but by denying it golf's complacent leaders actually prove to not be half as clever as they think they are.



NEW DEAL: Jack Cork

Leaving it late

SAINTS have got a lot right in recent times, but the decision to leave it so late to offer Jack Cork a new contract was a mistake.

Hopefully, it will not be one that will cost them, as with any luck the midfielder will commit to a new deal.

Saints shouldn't have left it until there were just six months left to run on the midfielder's current deal, and thus have other clubs circling with potentially lucrative offers for him in the absence of having to pay a transfer fee, to put a new one on the table, and instead should have headed off the problem at around 18 months like they have done with other players.

There seemed to be a school of thought somewhere along the line that extending Cork's stay would block the pathway for Harrison Reed.

But Ronald Koeman is cannyer than that, and knows he needs a strong squad built mainly on experience, with the odd youngster here and there to challenge high up the table. It is no surprise, therefore, that once he has had time to assess things Cork was offered a new contract.

Let's hope it doesn't prove too late to convince a very good player, who would walk into the first team of about two-thirds of Premier League clubs, to stay.

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Monday, January 26
THE FA CUP
 Fourth Round: Rochdale v Stoke.

Tuesday, January 27
CAPITAL ONE CUP
 Semi-Final - Second Leg: Chelsea v Liverpool.
SKY BET LEAGUE
Championship: Derby v Blackburn, Millwall v Reading, Rotherham v Bolton, Sheff Wed v Birmingham.
League 1: Chesterfield v Crawley Town, Scunthorpe v Milton Keynes Dons.
League 2: Accrington Stanley v Bury, Cambridge Utd v Dag & Red.
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
 Northern Area Final - Second Leg: Walsall v Preston.
VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Premier: Eastleigh v Grimsby.
South: Havant & Waterlooville v Concord, Hayes & Yeading v Gosport Borough, Hemel Hempstead v Sutton.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bideford v Poole Town, Cirencester v Paulton Rovers, Hungerford v Weymouth, Truro v Chippenham.
Division One South & West: Tiverton v Shortwood, Wimborne v North Leigh.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
 Quarter-final: Horndean v AFC Bournemouth.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Fareham v Newport IOW, Folland Sports v Moneyfields, Hamworthy Utd v Blackfield & Langley.
SWL Cup, quarter-final: Petersfield Town v Winchester City.
Division One: Hythe & Dibden v Romsey Town, Team Solent v Ringwood, US Portsmouth v Tadley Calvea.
SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP
 Pewsey Vale v Bemerton HH.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One West: Verwood v Romsey Town.

Wednesday, January 28
CAPITAL ONE CUP
 Semi-Final - Second Leg: Sheff Utd v Tottenham Hotspur.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Cambridge City v Redditch.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Whitchurch v Verwood.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round: Sholing v Blackfield & Langley.
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Moneyfields.
Division One East: Alton Town v Fareham Town.
Division One West: Hythe & Dibden v Downton.

Thursday, January 29
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
 Southern Area Final - Second Leg: Bristol City v Gillingham.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round: AFC Totton v Folland Sports.
Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Winchester City, Ringwood v Team Solent.

Saturday, January 31
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Chelsea v Man City, Crystal Palace v Everton, Hull v Newcastle, Liverpool v West Ham, Man Utd v Leicester, Stoke v QPR, Sunderland v Burnley, West Brom v Tottenham Hotspur.
SKY BET LEAGUE
Championship: Birmingham v Norwich, Blackburn v Fulham, Blackpool v Brighton, Bolton v Wolverhampton, Brentford v Middlesbrough, Cardiff v Derby, Charlton v Rotherham, Huddersfield v Leeds, Ipswich v Wigan, Nottm Forest v Millwall, Reading v Sheff Wed.
League 1: Barnsley v Port Vale, Bradford v Colchester, Chesterfield v Doncaster, Coventry v Rochdale, Crawley Town v Preston, Crewe v Milton Keynes Dons, Leyton Orient v Scunthorpe, Oldham v Notts County, Peterborough v Yeovil, Sheff Utd v Swindon.

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RON IS SAINTS'

Dutch legend has given Saints the 'wow factor'

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CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER

IT may be almost 18 years since he called time on his illustrious playing career and hung up his boots for good, but Ronald Koeman is still the star of the show.

Though it is the players that have to go out and perform week in and week out, the role of the manager is vital.

The quality of players available to Premier League bosses these days means that work in terms of actually coaching is rather limited.

Instead, they have to be master tacticians and motivators, knowing how to meld together a dressing room to keep a disparate bunch as closely knit as possible and performing to the best of their abilities.

It's never been an easy task but arguably the money in the game today, which means most top flight footballers won't have to work again after just one good contract, makes it even harder.

Job security is not a motivating factor. Koeman, though, has one massive advantage in this department.

He has been there.

Glittering

His playing career was glittering. He won trophies across the world, played for the biggest clubs on the planet, and captained his country.

Koeman was an international footballing superstar, famous in far-flung corners.

Even his managerial career seems to be on a certain course to one day lead him to take charge of the Dutch national team, and plenty more in club football too.

This is a man who recently revealed he once turned down the chance to become Barcelona manager.

With all due respect, Southampton is a small destination in comparison.

But it is one that suits him so well.

Koeman was keen to get into the Premier League before the Saints vacancy arose, and even admitted his interest in taking over at Swansea when Garry Monk eventually landed the role.

Thankfully, Saints were the club who decided to hand him his chance in English football, and it has paid off big time.

NEW CHALLENGE:

Ronald Koeman takes over at Saints last summer.



FLASHBACK: Ronald Koeman was captain when Holland won the European Championships in 1988.

Those opening weeks of his time in charge were key to his success this season, as distant a memory as they now feel.

There is little doubt the Saints ship was wobbling. Though the club clearly had a plan, and a well thought through justification for the players they were selling, it was

not being communicated particularly well.

Indeed, it was not really being communicated at all.

Panicking

Not only were the fans panicking but, behind the scenes, some of the senior players that remained were too.

There were others looking for an exit from the club and, had it not been for an appointment of Koeman's calibre - at the time it was

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STAR DRAW

made, and the man himself reacting so well to the situation – then it really might have been an exodus.

Koeman had one big thing on his side – kudos.

He could walk into that dressing room, in fact, any dressing room in world football, and command instant respect.

In the football world of 'show us your medals,' good luck to anyone taking him on.

As a result of his success, Koeman also gives off an air of self confidence, of belief. His character is cool, calm and collected, and all of this has rubbed off on the team.

Naming Jose Fonte as captain was a good move, and one that settled the influential centre half, and in turn helped calm the dressing room.

Then the rebuilding work began.

Looking back at the pre-season programme, even during the friendly at Brighton it was obvious Saints were going places under Koeman.

He had very little to work with at that stage, but had well and truly made the best of what he did have.

They looked organised and competent.

It was encouraging, given all that had gone before.

The recruitment was also important.

For all the talk of Paul Mitchell and the infamous 'Black Box' room, a manager who simply had a wide knowledge of the game and where to pick up good value signings is still king.

Sadio Mane, Graziano Pelle, Dusan Tadic, Toby Alderweireld, to name but a few, were Koeman inspired.

Desirable

Even recently, Koeman admitted thinking to himself 'what happened to Eljero Elia?'

Next thing you know, he had found out, brought him in and, once again, it looks a great move.

Koeman has yet to sign a dud for Saints.

Given the number of players he has had to bring in to fill out the squad, that is quite some achievement.

He has set the team up nicely, they look well balanced and have that most desirable of qualities – attacking prowess and the ability to play entertaining football matched with a miserly defence.

They have a different feel to the Mauricio Pochettino side, slightly less high press and more emphasis on dominating possession, to build from the back.

He has given creative players the freedom to go out and express themselves, the defence an organised template from which to base

themselves, and helped his side by making the right calls at the right time when it comes to changing formations, tactics and substitutions.

Koeman is a manager in the real sense of the word.

He manages people.

This is very much a team in his mould.

They are a real reflection of him – classy but level headed, confident but not arrogant, winners but not unlikeable because of it.

Koeman has impressed in every aspect of his job so far.

Most important, of course, are the results on the pitch, but also his general demeanour, the way he interacts at the club, his dealings with the media.

It is quite literally one touch of class, one masterstroke of management, after another.

His playing career meant he commanded instant respect; the way he is means he earns it on an ongoing basis.

Merit

Saints now find themselves in a highly unusual situation for the club, challenging for the Champions League.

It is still a tall order, but Koeman is, predictably, confident.

And why not?

Saints are up there on merit and have a comparatively comfortable run-in for the most part.

One thing is for certain, Koeman will not overreact, not get too excited or too low no matter how the remainder of this campaign turns out.

He will be confident in his side, calm in the face of pressure and believe in them to deliver.

It's exactly what he will want from his side, and, so far, they have mirrored their boss every step of the way.



THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

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League 2: Accrington Stanley v Northampton, Burton Albion v Bury, Carlisle v Mansfield, Dag & Red v Cheltenham, Exeter v Tranmere, Hartlepool v Plymouth, Luton v Cambridge Utd, Morecambe v AFC Wimbledon, Newport County v Shrewsbury, Southend v York, Stevenage v Oxford Utd, Wycombe v Portsmouth.

VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Premier: Altrincham v Aldershot, Braintree v Macclesfield, Dartford v Bristol Rovers, FC Halifax v Barnet, Forest Green v Nuneaton, Grimsby v AFC Telford, Kidderminster v Eastleigh, Lincoln v Dover, Southport v Gateshead, Welling v Chester, Woking v Alfreton, Wrexham v Torquay.

South: Bishops Cleeve v Staines, Boreham Wood v Basingstoke, Bromley v Havant & Waterlooville, Chelmsford v Whitehawk, Eastborough Borough v Bath City, Gosport Borough v Ebbsfleet, Maidenhead v Concord, Sutton v Farnborough, Wealdstone v Hayes & Yeading, Weston-super-Mare v Hemel Hempstead.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Poole Town, Bideford v Slough, Cambridge City v Frome, Chesham v Cirencester, Chippenham v Dunstable, Hungerford v Dorchester, Paulton Rovers v Corby, Redditch v Hitchin, St Neots v Banbury, Truro v Burnham, Weymouth v Histon.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Bridgwater, Clevedon v Wimborne, Didcot v Stratford, Evesham v Merthyr Town, Fleet Town v Yate, Larkhall v AFC Tottn, Mangotsfield v Bashley, North Leigh v Swindon Supermarine, Sholing v Cinderford, Taunton v Shortwood, Wantage v Tiverton.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SWL Cup, quarter-final: Horndean v Blackfield & Langley.

Premier Division: Alresford v Folland Sports, Andover Town v Fawley AFC, Bemerton HH v Newport IoW, Bournemouth Poppies v Petersfield, Brockenhurst v Fareham, Lymington Town v Tottn & Eling, Moneyfields v Christchurch, Verwood v AFC Portchester, Whitchurch v Winchester City.

Division One: Amesbury v Tadley Calvea, Fleet Spurs v Team Solent, Hythe & Dibden v Cowes Sports, Laverstock & Ford v Andover NS, New Milton v East Cowes Vics, Pewsey Vale v Downton, US Portsmouth v Romsey Town.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: Baffins Milton Rovers v QK Southampton, Clanfield v Headley Utd, Fleetlands v Bush Hill, Hedge End Rangers v Winchester Castle, Liphook v Hamble Club, Locks Heath v Stockbridge, Otterbourne v Liss Athletic, Overton v Colden Common, Paulsgrove v AFC Stoneham.

Division One: Four Marks v Lyndhurst, Hayling Utd v Cadnam, Michlmersh & Timsbury v Andover Lions, Netley Central v Infinity, Upham v Broughton.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Overton, Hamble Club v Liphook, Headley Utd v Clanfield, Liss v Otterbourne, QK Southampton v Paulsgrove, Winchester Castle v Hedge End Rangers.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round:

Wimborne Town v Moneyfields.

Premier Division: AFC Tottn v Sholing.

Division One East: Fareham Town v Alton Town, Horndean v Newport IoW, Tadley Calvea v US Portsmouth.

Division One West: Bashley v Blackfield & Langley, East Cowes Vics v Laverstock & Ford, Romsey Town v Lymington Town.

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: C. Folland Sports v Fawley AFC, A. Ringwood Town v Bemerton HH.

BOURNEMOUTH FA PAGE CROFT CUP Hamworthy Recreation v Verwood Town Res.

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History is with Saints

HISTORY is firmly on Saints' side as they chase a sensational top four finish in the Premier League.

In the last ten seasons, only four times (out of 40) has a team who has been in the top four after 22 matches failed to stay there after 38.

Saints are currently third after 22 games after winning at Newcastle last weekend.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at the past ten seasons and the few changes that have taken place between 22 and 38 games.

2013/14

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	22	16	3	3	43	19	51
Man City	22	16	2	4	63	25	50
Chelsea	22	15	4	3	43	20	49
Liverpool	22	13	4	5	53	28	43
Tottenham	22	13	4	5	29	26	43
Everton	22	11	9	2	35	20	42

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	38	27	5	6	102	37	86
Liverpool	38	26	6	6	101	50	84
Chelsea	38	25	7	6	71	27	82
Arsenal	38	24	7	7	68	41	79
Everton	38	21	9	8	61	39	72
Tottenham	38	21	6	11	55	51	69

The top four remained the same, though Arsenal slipped from first to fourth.

2012/13

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	22	18	1	3	56	29	55
Man City	22	14	6	2	43	19	48
Chelsea	22	12	6	4	45	21	42
Tottenham	22	12	4	6	39	27	40
Everton	22	9	10	3	35	26	37
Arsenal	21	9	7	5	40	24	34

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	28	5	5	86	43	89
Man City	38	23	9	6	66	34	78
Chelsea	38	22	9	7	75	39	75
Arsenal	38	21	10	7	72	37	73
Tottenham	38	21	9	8	66	46	72
Everton	38	16	15	7	55	40	63

There was just one change, with Tottenham slipping one place to finish fifth.

2011/12

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	22	17	3	2	60	18	54
Man United	22	16	3	3	54	21	51
Tottenham	22	14	4	4	41	24	46
Chelsea	22	12	5	5	40	25	41
Arsenal	22	11	3	8	39	33	36
Newcastle	22	10	6	6	32	30	36

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	38	28	5	5	93	29	89
Man United	38	28	5	5	89	33	89
Arsenal	38	21	7	10	74	49	70
Tottenham	38	20	9	9	66	41	69
Newcastle	38	19	8	11	56	51	65
Chelsea	38	18	10	10	65	46	64

Just one change again, with Chelsea dropping out of the top four to finish sixth, Arsenal taking their place.

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THE PLAYERS WHO

IT'S been a breathless few weeks for Saints – 13 league and cup games since the last day of November, in fact.

Ronald Koeman's men lost the first five of those, including a miserable League cup quarter final exit at League 1 Sheffield United.

But since then, Saints have remained unbeaten in eight matches.

That has put them in with a chance of qualifying for Europe via three routes – finishing in the top four (Champions League), finishing fifth (Europa League) or winning the FA Cup (Europa League).

The 2014/15 season, a campaign that began with so much uncertainty, is now building up to be one of the most memorable in the club's history.

Up there with 1975/76, the FA Cup winning campaign. Up there with 1983/84, when Saints finished runners-up in the top flight.

Here, Adam Leitch takes a close look at the men who have taken Saints into a truly astonishing position.

Fraser Forster

Goalkeeper

Age: 26

Signed for Saints: August 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £10m from Celtic

Saints league apps 2014/15: 22

Cup apps 2014/15: 6

Total Saints apps: 28

The past - Saints history

This is his first season with the club

The present - this season

Has been an ever present for Saints in all competitions as he establishes himself as the club's number one keeper, and presses Joe Hart for the same position in the England side.

One of Koeman's top priorities when he joined was to recruit a new stopper and Forster fitted the mould they were after.

He has particularly impressed with his commanding presence in the area, always willing to come for crosses, and has shown superb handling.

Has made a couple of questionable decisions when it comes to getting off his line, and his distribution is still to be worked on.

As a shot stopper we haven't seen that much as yet, thanks to the backline in front of him, but has looked more than capable and a solid investment.

The future – what next?

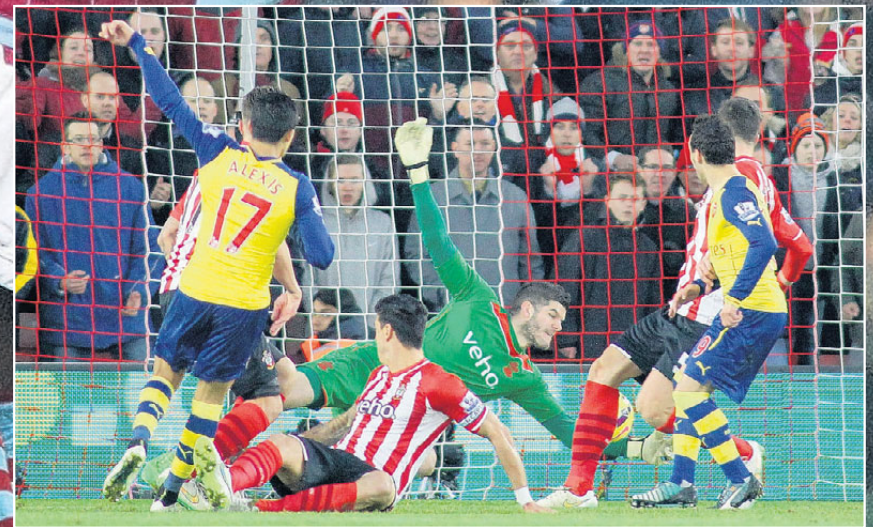
It has to be more games and more clean sheets.

Saints have not signed Forster for a season or two, but to be the club's long term first choice keeper.

Forster has the potential to rack up a large number of appearances for the club, and will no doubt have that England spot on his mind too.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

GREAT SAVE: Fraser Forster, below, pulls off a great stop from Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez.



Nathaniel Clyne

Right back

Age: 23

Signed for Saints: July 2012 (by Nigel Adkins), £2m from Crystal Palace

Saints league apps 2014/15: 20

Goals: 2

Cup apps 2014/15: 5

Cup goals: 1

Total Saints apps: 83 (5)

Goals: 5

The past - Saints history

Joined Saints upon their promotion to the Premier League and quickly settled into life in the top flight.

Had a battle with Calum Chambers for the

right back slot last season, but had established himself as the first choice ahead of his rival being sold to Arsenal for £16m in the summer.

The present - this season

It has been an exceptional season for Clyne who has made the step up from a promising prospect to being the best English right back in the game.

Clyne has been a major attacking threat for Saints down the right wing, and his all-round game has improved thanks to his increased defensive awareness.

Clyne finally got an England debut and seized his chance and is now viewed as the first choice right back for club and country.

The future – what next?

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MAKE SAINTS TICK



GREAT SEASONS SO FAR:
Nathaniel Clyne celebrates his goal at Aston Villa and, right, Toby Alderweireld salutes the fans after netting at Crystal Palace.

That is a question Saints would probably like the answer to as well.

Negotiations have started over a new deal with Clyne's current contract set to expire in 18 months.

It is a tense time for Saints as they will no doubt be desperate to retain the player but, with his form the way it has been, the vul- tures are cir- cling.

The likes of Manchester United and Liverpool have been heavily linked with a move for Clyne and, if he wanted to go, Saints would virtually be forced to sell in the summer or risk losing him for nothing.

Hopefully he will commit his long term future to the club soon to settle the nerves.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

Toby Alderweireld

Defender/midfield

Age: 25

Signed for Saints: September 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), loan from Atletico Madrid

Saints league apps 2014/15: 16

Goals: 1

Cup apps 2014/15: 3(1)
Cup goals: 0
Total Saints apps: 19(1)
Goals: 1

The past - Saints history

This is his first season with the club

The present - this season

Of all the summer signings, Alderweireld has been the most impressive of a fantastic bunch.

The Belgian defender has looked sublime at the heart of the defence alongside Jose Fonte, and has even done a job at right back and in central midfield when required too.

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2010/11

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	21	12	9	0	43	19	45
Man City	23	13	6	4	37	19	45
Arsenal	22	13	4	5	45	22	43
Chelsea	22	11	5	6	38	19	38
Tottenham	22	10	7	5	31	25	37
Sunderland	23	8	10	5	26	23	34

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	23	11	4	78	37	80
Chelsea	38	21	8	9	69	33	71
Man City	38	21	8	9	60	33	71
Arsenal	38	19	11	8	72	43	68
Tottenham	38	16	14	8	55	46	62
Liverpool	38	17	7	14	59	44	58

The same four teams, with Chelsea rising two places to take runners-up spot.

2009/10

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	23	16	2	5	53	19	50
Arsenal	22	15	3	4	59	25	48
Chelsea	21	15	3	3	52	18	48
Tottenham	23	12	5	6	44	24	41
Liverpool	23	11	5	7	40	26	38
Manchester City	21	10	8	3	42	30	38

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	27	5	6	103	32	86
Man United	38	27	4	7	86	28	85
Arsenal	38	23	6	9	83	41	75
Tottenham	38	21	7	10	67	41	70
Man City	38	18	13	7	73	45	67
Aston Villa	38	17	13	8	52	39	64

No change in the top four, though Chelsea could not hang on to their lead.

2008/09

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	22	15	5	2	39	10	50
Liverpool	22	13	8	1	36	14	47
Aston Villa	23	14	5	4	38	24	47
Chelsea	22	13	6	3	42	13	45
Arsenal	22	12	5	5	37	24	41
Everton	22	10	6	6	30	26	36

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	28	6	4	68	24	90
Liverpool	38	25	11	2	77	27	86
Chelsea	38	25	8	5	68	24	83
Arsenal	38	20	12	6	68	37	72
Everton	38	17	12	9	55	37	63
Aston Villa	38	17	11	10	54	48	62

Villa suffered the biggest slip of any team in the top four after 22 games in the past ten seasons.

They were third, three points adrift of the leaders, but lost six of their last 16 games to finish sixth, ten points adrift of the top four.

2007/08

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	22	16	3	3	44	11	51
Arsenal	22	15	6	1	43	17	51
Chelsea	22	14	5	3	35	16	47
Liverpool	21	10	9	2	35	14	39
Everton	22	12	3	7	38	22	39
Aston Villa	22	11	6	5	40	28	39

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	27	6	5	80	22	87
Chelsea	38	25	10	3	65	26	85
Arsenal	38	24	11	3	74	31	83
Liverpool	38	21	13	4	67	28	76
Everton	38	19	8	11	55	33	65
Aston Villa	38	16	12	10	71	51	60

No change in the top four, United eventually pipping Chelsea by just two points.

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Turmoil of the top four

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Villa suffered the biggest slip of any team in the top four after 22 games in the past ten seasons.

2006/07

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	22	17	3	2	49	15	54
2 Chelsea	22	14	6	2	37	17	48
3 Liverpool	22	12	4	6	32	16	40
4 Arsenal	22	11	6	5	41	19	39
5 Bolton	22	12	3	7	27	21	39
6 Portsmouth	22	10	6	6	33	22	36

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	38	28	5	5	83	27	89
Chelsea	38	24	11	3	64	24	83
Liverpool	38	20	8	10	57	27	68
Arsenal	38	19	11	8	63	35	68
Tottenham	38	17	9	12	57	54	60
Everton	38	15	13	10	52	36	58

The same four teams, and they finished in the same order as they had been towards the end of January.

2005/06

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Chelsea	22	20	1	1	48	11	61
2 Man United	22	13	6	3	41	20	45
3 Liverpool	20	13	5	2	29	11	44
4 Tottenham	23	11	8	4	31	19	41
5 Arsenal	22	11	4	7	34	16	37
6 Wigan	23	12	1	10	28	29	37

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	29	4	5	72	22	91
Man United	38	25	8	5	72	34	83
Liverpool	38	25	7	6	57	25	82
Arsenal	38	20	7	11	68	31	67
Tottenham	38	18	11	9	53	38	65
Blackburn	38	19	6	13	51	42	63

Just the one change, Tottenham failing to hold onto a four-point lead over fifth place and ending there themselves.

2004/05

After 22 matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	17	4	1	43	8	55
Arsenal	22	14	6	2	52	24	48
Man United	22	12	8	2	33	13	44
Everton	22	13	4	5	27	23	43
Liverpool	22	11	4	7	36	22	37
Middlesbrough	22	10	5	7	34	28	35

How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	38	29	8	1	72	15	95
Arsenal	38	25	8	5	87	36	83
Man United	38	22	11	5	58	26	77
Everton	38	18	7	13	45	46	61
Liverpool	38	17	7	14	52	41	58
Bolton	38	16	10	12	49	44	58

The same four teams finished in the same order, with Chelsea stretching their lead from seven points to 12 to lift their first Premier League title.

SAINTS CLOSE IN

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Alderweireld is blessed with a remarkable ability to read the game and is a player who makes those around him better.

He has been a simply stunning signing and one of the best players in the Premier League this season.

The only slight downside is that he has picked up a couple of niggling injuries along the way.

The future – what next?

His main priority will be to get fit, back in the team and help finish the job he and Saints have started this season.

The club will be extremely keen to ensure that his loan move becomes a permanent one in the summer.

However, unlike the other loan deals there are seemingly tricky extra complications with this one which, if are as reported by the Spanish press, mean there is a good chance Atletico may buy back Saints' purchase clause and seek to flog him to the highest bidder.

That is because his form this season means there would be a lengthy queue for his services.

The good news for Saints is that he seems genuinely happy at St Mary's and if the club were to finish in the top four this season he may well feel strongly enough that he wants to stay to force things through.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 10

Jose Fonte

Centre half

Age: 31

Signed for Saints: January 2010 (by Alan Pardew), £1.2m from Crystal Palace

Saints league apps 2014/15: 21

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 6

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 204 (5)

Goals: 13

The past – Saints history

Fonte is one of the great survivors of the club, having signed for them in League One and been with them throughout the journey to the top flight and the heights they are now scaling.

He has been a vital part of all the sides through those years and has recently celebrated his 200th start for the club.

The present – this season

Keeping Fonte and ensuring he was happy was a key move for Koeman when he joined as manager.

He gave the Portuguese centre half the captain's armband and Fonte helped to steady the rocking ship after the big name departures of the summer.

It has proven to be yet another masterstroke from Koeman who has inspired his new skipper to even greater heights this season.

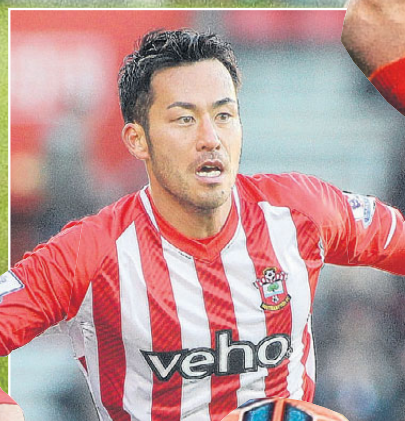
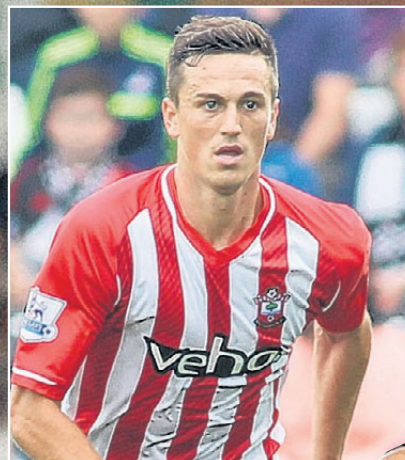
Fonte has been immense for Saints and though his partnership with Alderweireld has been key, he has led the side quite magnificently when the Belgian has been missing too.

He fights and scraps and would be horrible to

play against with his single minded belief and determination helping his side immeasurably.

The future – what next?

He is ensconced as a regular in the team and, injury permitting, should be for several years to come, allowing him the chance to target further achievements with the club and to make himself a legend at St Mary's.



Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

Florin Gardos

Centre half

Age: 26

Signed for Saints: August 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £6m from Steaua Bucharest

Saints league apps 2014/15: 3(5)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 5

Cup goals: 0

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ON BEST FINISH



DEFENSIVE STRENGTH:
Jose Fonte (main picture),
Florin Gardos (above left)
and Maya Yoshida (left).

Total Saints apps: 8(5)
Goals: 0

The past - Saints history

This is his first season with the club

The present - this season

It hasn't been the easiest of starts to life at Saints for Gardos. He has had to bide his time and settle in and compete for a position in a very competitive area of the team.

Fonte and Alderweireld quickly established themselves as the first choice centre back pairing and Yoshida also muscled in front of him, limiting Gardos to the odd appearance here and there, mainly featuring in the cup competitions.

Recent injuries and Yoshida's absence on international duty mean he is finally getting a chance to show what he can do with a consistent run of games.

The future - what next?

In the short term, Gardos needs to do all he can to prove he is good enough to compete for a place when Alderweireld and Yoshida return.

In the longer term, he will want to break into the side on a more permanent basis and show he is ready to step up if Saints do not manage to sign Alderweireld permanently in the summer.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Maya Yoshida

Centre half

Age: 26

Signed for Saints: August 2012 (by Nigel Adkins), £3m from VVV-Venlo

Saints league apps 2014/15: 8(3)

Goals: 1

Cup apps 2014/15: 1

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 55(5)

Goals: 3

The past - Saints history

Joined Saints as they stepped into the Premier League and had a baptism of fire where things didn't go brilliantly.

He settled down, as Saints did also, but has found himself grabbing games where he can over the last couple of years with Dejan Lovren and Toby Alderweireld being the first choice central defensive partners for Fonte.

The present - this season

It has again been a case of Yoshida having to fit in whenever called upon, and to be fair he has done that job well.

It isn't easy when you are not playing consistently to step in at this level and perform, but he has proven a very worthwhile understudy.

You might well have expected him to drift off when his contract expires but such has been his ability to be a solid squad member that Saints have felt it worth retaining him and agreed a new deal for him to remain.

The future - what next?

The new contract just recently signed means that Yoshida will be staying for a fair while yet. He will want to compete for a regular starting spot rather than just continue as a squad member, though that will be tough if Fonte and Alderweireld stay together and on form.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

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Did You Know?

Morgan makes it 250

MORGAN Schneiderlin has become only the third post-war Saints player in the past decade to reach a club milestone.

The Frenchman made his 250th league and cup appearance against Ipswich in the FA Cup third round at St Mary's earlier this month.

His debut had come in August 2008 at the start of the club's Championship relegation/administration season.

Only two other Saints players have reached the 250-game milestone in the last ten years - goalkeeper Kelvin Davis and Adam Lallana.

Davis is just seven games away from joining the 18 other players who have appeared in 300-plus post-war games.

Lallana was only ten away from reaching 300 games when he was sold to Liverpool last summer.

Saints players who have made more than 250 post-war appearances for Saints

Terry Paine - 812 (4)
Mick Channon - 602 (5)
Nick Holmes - 535 (8)
Matt Le Tissier - 462 (78)
Tommy Traynor - 487
Jason Dodd - 453 (30)
Eric Day - 422
Claus Lundekvam - 403 (10)
John Sydenham - 401 (1)
Hugh Fisher - 356 (10)
Steve Williams - 346 (3)
Glenn Cockerill - 340 (18)
Tommy Mulgrew - 330
Francis Benali - 321 (48)
Cliff Huxford - 317
Danny Wallace - 299 (18)
Derek Reeves - 311
Kelvin Davis - 292 (1)
Eric Martin - 289 (1)
Matt Oakley - 282 (28)
George O'Brien - 281
David Peach - 278 (4)
Ron Davies - 277 (4)
David Armstrong - 272
Jimmy Case - 269 (3)
Chris Nicholl - 268
Adam Lallana - 259 (31)
Denis Hollywood - 266 (1)
Bobby Stokes - 238 (26)
Bernard Elliott - 251
Tim Flowers - 251
Morgan Schneiderlin - 220 (31)



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Did You Know?

SAINTS are aiming for what would be only their second ever top four finish in the top division of English football.

Ronald Koeman's side are in with a great chance of emulating the class of 1983/84, who also finished in the top four.

Back then, Lawrie McMenemy's side claimed runners-up spot – Saints' highest ever league finish.

No one is realistically expecting Koeman's side to achieve a top two slot, but hopes of rising all the time regarding a Champions League place finish.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at Saints' top flight history in terms of positions and points.

Premier League

	Pl	Pos	Pts
2014-2015	22	3	42
2013-2014	38	8	56
2012-2013	38	14	41
2004-2005	38	20	32
2003-2004	38	12	47
2002-2003	38	8	52
2001-2002	38	11	45
2000-2001	38	10	52
1999-2000	38	15	44
1998-1999	38	17	41
1997-1998	38	12	48
1996-1997	38	16	41
1995-1996	38	17	38
1994-1995	42	10	54
1993-1994	42	18	43
1992-1993	42	18	50

First Division

1991-1992	42	16	52
1990-1991	38	14	45
1989-1990	38	7	55
1988-1989	38	13	45
1987-1988	40	12	50
1986-1987	42	12	52
1985-1986	42	14	46
1984-1985	42	5	68
1983-1984	42	2	77
1982-1983	42	12	57
1981-1982	42	7	66
1980-1981	42	6	50
1979-1980	42	8	45
1978-1979	42	14	40
1973-1974	42	20	36
1972-1973	42	13	40
1971-1972	42	19	31
1970-1971	42	7	46
1969-1970	42	19	29
1968-1969	42	7	45
1967-1968	42	16	37
1966-1967	42	19	34

THE TEAM ON THE

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Ryan Bertrand

Right back

Age: 25

Signed for Saints: July 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), loan from Chelsea

Saints league apps 2014/15: 21

Goals: 2

Cup apps 2014/15: 3(1)

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 24(1)

Goals: 2

The past - Saints history

This is his first season with the club

The present - this season

What is quite remarkable is that Saints have not only failed to miss Luke Shaw, but have actually got an upgrade compared to the left back department last season.

Though many believe Shaw will go on to become something very special, he was a young talent still learning his trade at Saints. Bertrand is the finished article.

The Chelsea man has a wealth of experience, including winning the Champions League, and has been a huge influence on Saints.

Going forward he has proven to be a strong presence, while he is totally solid at the back.

He is used to winning and has brought that mentality to Saints with him. He has been a really great signing.

The future - what next?

Saints have the option to sign Bertrand permanently in the summer for around £11m.

It is a straightforward transaction and one they are certain to exercise.

Bertrand will not only have his eye on achievements with Saints but also an England recall which is well overdue considering his excellent form this season.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

Matt Targett

Left back

Age: 19

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 1(3)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 5

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 6(3)

Goals: 0

The past - Saints history

Joined Saints as an eight-year-old and has climbed through the ranks to make a first team breakthrough this season

The present - this season

Though Targett has had to make do with life as an understudy for Ryan Bertrand, he has impressed virtually every time he has been called upon.

Koeman clearly rates Targett, giving him games in the cups and also fielding him against the might of Chelsea at St Mary's in what remains his only league start so far.



LEFT BACK PAIR: Ryan Bertrand and Matt Targett. below..



Targett handled himself superbly well that day and never looked fazed by the quality of opposition he was facing.

The future - what next?

Targett undoubtedly has a bright future.

He is still a youngster and so gathering experience is fine for now, but before too long he will have to try and dislodge Bertrand from the side.

That will be a real battle.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Morgan Schneiderlin

Central midfielder

Age: 25

Signed for Saints: June 2008 (by Jan Poortvliet), £1.2m from Strasbourg

Saints league apps 2014/15: 16

Goals: 3

Cup apps 2014/15: 4

Cup goals: 1

Total Saints apps: 210(31)

Goals: 14

The past - Saints history

Schneiderlin, main picture, is one of the greatest bargains in Saints' history.

He cost little over £1m when he joined the club in 2008, though nominally signed by Jan Poortvliet in truth identified and recruited by former chairman Rupert Lowe.

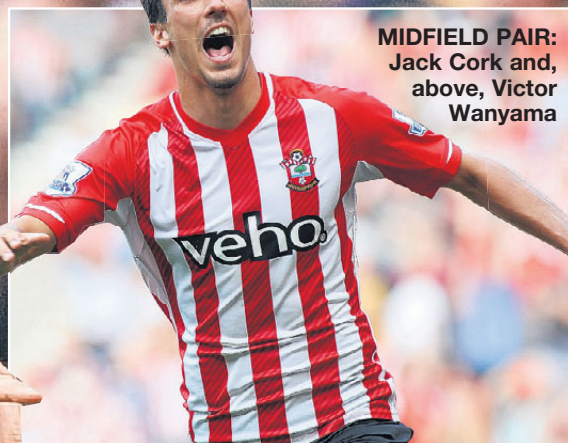
Though that first season was taxing as a

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CUSP OF GREATNESS



MIDFIELD PAIR:
Jack Cork and,
above, Victor
Wanyama

young Saints team were relegated from the Championship, his ability was obvious. Alan Pardew turned him into a tough tackler to go alongside his obvious talent on the ball and a great Saints midfielder was born. Schneiderlin has been a key element to the Saints side throughout their rise through the divisions.

The present - this sea-

son

Schneiderlin has been as classy as ever in the centre of midfield. He remains the heartbeat of the side when he is playing, and also provides protection for the back four.

The future - what next?

Nobody is quite sure, but most are hoping Schneiderlin will stay beyond the end of this season.

Last summer it seemed like he might try to force his way out for Tottenham, but made a wise decision to stay.

He is committed to Saints for the remainder of this campaign to see through the job, but all bets are off in the summer.

As one of the Premier League's best mid-

fielders, and now finally a France international who played at the World Cup, some of the very biggest clubs are interested in him. It remains to be seen whether Saints can hold them off again if he does want to move on.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 8

Victor Wanyama

Central midfielder

Age: 23
Signed for Saints: July 2013 (by Mauricio Pochettino), £12.5m from Celtic
Saints league apps 2014/15: 14(5)
Goals: 3
Cup apps 2014/15: 6

Cup goals: 0
Total Saints apps: 40(9)
Goals: 3

The past - Saints history

Was signed by Mauricio Pochettino as a real midfield enforcer but endured some up and down form in his first season with the club with Jack Cork nabbing his place in the team.

The present - this season

When fit and available he and Schneiderlin look like they are Koeman's first choice defensive midfield pairing, but Cork is returning to fitness and might have something to say about that.

Wanyama's greatest strength has always been his destructiveness and no when is this more in evidence than when Saints play against the Premier League's big guns.

He has put in some truly massive performances in those games this season and looks to be starting to mature as a footballer on the ball too under Koeman, even contributing a few goals too.

The future - what next?

Wanyama has had a taste of the Champions League with Celtic and will want to get back there again.

He will also want to try and hold off the threat of Cork to ensure he remains a regular first choice starter.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 8

Jack Cork

Central midfielder

Age: 25
Signed for Saints: July 2011 (by Nigel Adkins), £750,000 from Chelsea
Saints league apps 2014/15: 5(7)
Goals: 2
Cup apps 2014/15: 0(2)
Cup goals: 1
Total Saints apps: 128 (24)
Goals: 3

The past - Saints history

First joined Saints on a loan deal back in 2008 before eventually signing permanently from Chelsea in 2011.

He has been an important influence in the centre of midfield but, over the last couple of years, has found himself battling with Victor Wanyama for a start alongside Morgan Schneiderlin.

The present - this season

Cork hasn't had as many games as he would have liked with an ankle injury forcing him out over a busy run of fixtures when he would have got some match time.

Otherwise it is the same story as last season where, when everybody is available, there is a chase on to play alongside Schneiderlin.

The main contenders are Wanyama and Cork, with the big money signing from Kenya getting the edge at the moment.

However, in the past Cork, who has added a few goals to his game this season, has got in and done enough to stay in.

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Did You Know?

Top 12 finish

SAINTS have the 12th best record in Premier League history.

The club have picked up 726 points from 604 games, but trail 11th placed West Ham by 160 points.

Here, the Sports Pink lists all the 46 teams that have played in the Premier League since 1992.

	Pl	Pts
1 Manchester United	870	1856
2 Arsenal	870	1640
3 Chelsea	870	1611
4 Liverpool	870	1514
5 Tottenham Hotspur	870	1264
6 Everton	870	1192
7 Aston Villa	870	1190
8 Newcastle United	790	1134
9 Manchester City	680	995
10 Blackburn Rovers	696	970
11 West Ham United	714	886
12 SAINTS	604	726
13 Leeds United	468	692
14 Middlesbrough	536	633
15 Fulham	494	586
16 Bolton Wanderers	494	575
17 Sunderland	516	537
18 Coventry City	354	409
19 Sheffield Wed	316	392
20 Wimbledon	316	391
21 Charlton Athletic	304	361
22 Leicester City	330	359
23 Wigan Athletic	304	331
24 Norwich City	278	325
25 West Bromwich	326	323
26 Stoke City	250	304
27 Birmingham City	266	301
28 Queens Park Rangers	262	297
29 Portsmouth	266	293
30 Derby County	266	274
31 Nottingham Forest	198	239
32 Crystal Palace	220	228
33 Ipswich Town	202	224
34 Swansea City	136	165
35 Wolves	152	136
36 Sheffield United	122	132
37 Hull City	136	121
38 Reading	114	119
39 Oldham Athletic	84	89
40 Bradford City	76	62
41 Watford	76	52
42 Burnley	60	50
43 Blackpool	38	39
44 Barnsley	38	35
45 Cardiff City	38	30
46 Swindon Town	42	30

SAINTS MORE THAN A

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You wouldn't bet against him performing to those standards again as he regains fitness.

The future - what next?

Saints are discussing a new contract with Cork to extend his current deal which expires this summer.

Cork has yet to commit, and is probably within his rights to take his time given it has taken longer than most would have expected to get to this stage.

As far as Saints are concerned, the ball is now in his court.

He wouldn't be short of offers if he left, but he does seem to enjoy life at the club.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Harrison Reed

Central midfield

Age: 19

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 2(3)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 1

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 4(10)

Goals: 0

The past - Saints history

Rose through the academy and came through the same scholarship group as James Ward-Prowse, Luke Shaw and Calum Chambers and is now pushing for more regular first team recognition himself.

The present - this season

Has continued this season how he left off towards the end of the last campaign.

He has become a regular first team squad member and has been thrust in for the occasional game, making his first start in the win against Everton.

Reed has certainly started to look at home in the Premier League as a tough and tenacious defensive central midfielder and Koeman clearly has faith in him.

The future - what next?

Reed can be pleased about the breakthrough he is making, but will also know what a tough road lies ahead.

At 19 he will be looking for more regular first team football in the not too distant future, but is behind Morgan Schneiderlin, Victor Wanyama and Jack Cork in the pecking order.

With Cork's contract situation unclear, and Schneiderlin inevitably a target for a number of clubs in the summer, he may well fancy a move up the ranks naturally.

If all of those players stay and are fit, he will really need to work hard to prove that he should move ahead of at least two of them to get a place in the team.

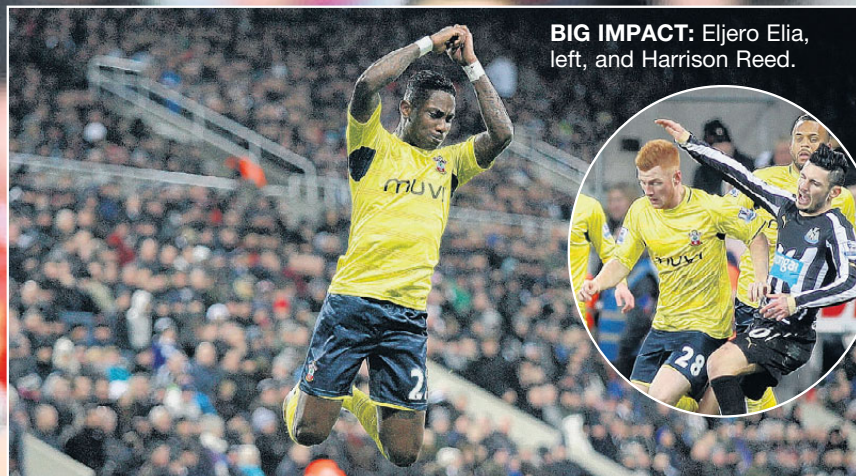
Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Steven Davis

Central midfield

Age: 30

Signed for Saints: July 2012 (by Nigel



BIG IMPACT: Eljero Elia, left, and Harrison Reed.



UNSUNG HERO: Steven Davis.

Adkins), £1.2m from Crystal Palace

Saints league apps 2014/15: 20(1)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 4(1)

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 80(19)

Goals: 6

The past - Saints history

Joined Saints in 2012 and has proven to be one of the club's most consistent performers.

Davis has shown himself to be very versatile and with an excellent fitness record has racked up a lot of appearances in a short space of time.

The present - this season

He has been one of the real stand out per-

formers this season.

His role is very much one of an unsung hero when it comes to pundits and outsiders, but those who watch Saints regularly will understand the impact he has.

Davis had a reputation for his defensive midfield qualities when he arrived at St Mary's, but has been pushed further forward and is really thriving playing a much more attacking central role under Koeman.

He is diligent and intelligent enough to ensure he defends from the front and has far more creativity than he is given credit for.

Saints always look a better side with him in it.

The future - what next?

More of the same when it comes to Saints.

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Saints Spotlight



Did You Know?

SUM OF THEIR PARTS



BIG SEASON: James Ward-Prowse.

They will be desperate to see his consistent form continue.

At international level, the Northern Ireland captain is also hoping to steer his side to the European Championships after a great start to their qualifying campaign.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

James Ward-Prowse

Central midfield

Age: 20

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 9(3)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 4

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 43(33)
Goals: 1

The past - Saints history

Joined the club aged eight and has risen through the youth ranks all the way to becoming a first team member. Has also represented England all the way through the youth levels and is now in the under-21 side.

The present - this season

Ward-Prowse said before this season began that it needed to be a breakthrough campaign for him.

The present - this season

Ward-Prowse said before this season began that it needed to be a breakthrough campaign for him.

Though he is still only 20, he has been in and around the fringes of the first team squad for a surprising amount of time, and needed to convert that into regular first team football.

He has managed to do much more of that, and even bounced back from injury when he fractured his foot against Swansea in September.

His set piece delivery remains a useful asset while Koeman has generally decided to deploy him in more attacking roles, either out on the right or centrally, rather than defensive ones.

The future - what next?

He will want to really cement a place in the team for the long term.

When everybody is back and fit again and the Saints squad at full strength, he is one of those players who is not guaranteed a starting place with plenty of quality in depth in the positions he is considered for.

The next step is to try and become an automatic first team pick, while also adding some goals to his game.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Eljero Elia

Winger

Age: 27

Signed for Saints: January 2015 (by Ronald Koeman), loan from Werder Bremen

Saints league apps 2014/15: 2

Goals: 2

Cup apps 2014/15: 0

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 2

Goals: 2

The past - Saints history

Only joined this month

The present - this season

What an instant impact Elia has had.

His first appearance for the club was as part of the side that defeated Manchester United at Old Trafford.

His second appearance saw him score both the goals as Saints beat Newcastle 2-1 at St James' Park.

Elia has shown what he is capable of already, and though it is early days he looks to have the speed, strength and skill to worry defences at Premier League level.

He is also hard working, tracking back and defending for his team and, with his skill set, will be very tricky to stop when he's on top form, even when sides know what to expect from him.

The future - what next?

Saints will be hoping that Elia can continue his superb start and help the side to achieve their European ambitions this season.

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CRICKET: South Africa sent records tumbling during the second one-day international against West Indies in Johannesburg last weekend.

Batsman AB de Villiers, below, smashed both the quickest ODI half-century and century - off 16 and 31 balls respectively - while he also equalled Rohit Sharma's tally of 16 sixes in an ODI innings.

South Africa, meanwhile, made their highest-ever ODI total after amassing 439 for two on the back of centuries from De Villiers (149), Hashim Amla (153 not out) and Rilee Rossouw (128).

The Proteas also had Sri Lanka's world record score of 443 in their sights, but could only score three runs off the final over.

Here are the top 10 fastest ODI centuries and top 10 ODI team scores:

Fastest ODI centuries

1 AB de Villiers, South Africa v West Indies, Johannesburg 18/01/2015 - off 31 balls with 10 sixes and eight fours.

2 C.J. Anderson, New Zealand v West Indies, Queenstown 01/01/2014 - off 36 balls with 14 sixes and six fours.

3 Shahid Afridi, Pakistan v Sri Lanka, Nairobi 04/10/1996 - off 37 balls with 10 sixes and eight fours.

4 M.V. Boucher, South Africa v Zimbabwe, Potchefstroom 20/09/2006 - off 44 balls with ten sixes and eight fours.

5 B.C. Lara, West Indies v Bangladesh Dhaka, 09/10/1999 - off 45 balls with four sixes and 18 fours.

6 Shahid Afridi, Pakistan v India Kanpur 15/04/2005 - off 45 balls with nine sixes and 10 fours.

7 J.D. Ryder, New Zealand v West Indies, Queenstown 01/01/2014 - off 46 balls with five sixes and 12 fours.

8 S.T. Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Singapore 02/04/1996 - off 48 balls with 11 sixes and 11 fours.

9 K.J. O'Brien, Ireland v England, Bangalore 02/03/2011 - off 52 balls with six sixes and 13 fours.

10 V. Kohli, India v Australia Jaipur 16/10/2013 - off 52 balls with seven sixes and eight fours.

Highest ODI Team Totals

1 Sri Lanka 443/9 v Netherlands, Amstelveen, 4 Jul 2006

2 South Africa 439/2 v West Indies, Johannesburg, 18 Jan 2015

3 South Africa 438/9 v Australia, Johannesburg, 12 Mar 2006

4 Australia 434/4 v South Africa, Johannesburg, 12 Mar 2006

5 South Africa 418/5 v Zimbabwe, Potchefstroom, 20 Sep 2006

6 India 418/5 v West Indies, Indore, 8 Dec 2011

7 India 414/7 v Sri Lanka, Rajkot, 15 Dec 2009

8 India 413/5 v Bermuda, Port of Spain, 19 Mar 2007

9 Sri Lanka 411/8 v India, Rajkot, 15 Dec 2009

10 India 404/5 v Sri Lanka, Kolkata, 13 Nov 2014

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Saints Spotlight



Did You Know?

Sacking record in sight

THE number of managers sacked by league clubs is on course to break the record for one season, latest figures reveal.

There were a record 27 dismissals to December 31 - three more than the previous record of 24 which was set last season.

The League Managers' Association's quarterly report states: "If the trend continues we are on course to exceed the season total dismissal record of 46 set in 2006-07."

Twelve clubs in the Championship - half the total - changed managers in the first half of the season.

"That itself was another record, and was five more than the same period of the last two seasons.

The report adds: "The average tenure of the current Championship



ARSENE WENGER

managers remains worryingly low, at 0.82 years."

Furthermore, 13 of the 27 dismissed this season were in their first jobs as managers, highlighting the difficulty of establishing themselves in a position.

Arsenal's Arsene Wenger remains the longest-serving current manager at more than 18 years followed by Exeter's one-time Saints midfielder Paul Tisdale (8.5 years) and MK Dons' Karl Robinson (4.7 years).

Ex-Saint Harry Redknapp has taken charge of more games in England - 1,383 - than any other manager currently working in English professional football.

Neil Warnock was the first Premier League manager to be sacked this season in December by Crystal Palace, swiftly followed by Alan Irvine at West Brom.

In the Championship, Leeds are onto their third permanent manager of the season in Neil Redfearn, having sacked ex-Saints coach Dave Hockaday and Darko Milanic.

Wigan's dismissal of ex-Saint Uwe Rosler in November led to one of the most controversial appointments of the season when Latics chairman Dave Whelan selected Malky Mackay as the new boss, despite the Scot being the subject of an ongoing FA inquiry into allegations that he sent text messages of a racist nature.

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Elia is looking to really make a mark at St Mary's and, if all goes well, he will surely become a permanent signing in the summer.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

Dusan Tadic

Midfielder
Age: 26
Signed for Saints: July 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £10.9m from FC Twente
Saints league apps 2014/15: 19(1)
Goals: 3
Cup apps 2014/15: 4(1)
Cup goals: 1
Total Saints apps: 23(2)
Goals: 4

The past - Saints history
This is his first season with the club.

The present - this season
Made an absolutely flying start to life at St Mary's with blistering early season form. Tadic was almost unplayable in the first couple of months, and memorably secured a record four assists in one game as Saints hammered Sunderland 8-0.

A combination of a couple of niggling injuries have slowed him down a little and his form dipped slightly accordingly, but he is starting to find his feet again now.

On his day, he is one of the most creative and dangerous players not only at Saints but in the Premier League. He can be a real joy to watch with his breathtaking skill and vision.

The future - what next?

It has to be to try and regain that form that he showed for the first months of the season.

It hasn't been a case of Tadic getting found out as teams started to learn about him, rather a few physical problems as he settled into a tough campaign in a very hard league.

Tadic, without doubt, can recapture those great days, and produce them consistently as he learns more and more about life in the Premier League.

If he does, he will quickly be recognised as one of the best players in the division.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 8

Sadio Mane

Winger
Age: 22
Signed for Saints: September 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £10m from Red Bull Salzburg
Saints league apps 2014/15: 11(3)
Goals: 5
Cup apps 2014/15: 2
Cup goals: 0
Total Saints apps: 12(3)
Goals: 5

The past - Saints history
This is his first season with the club.

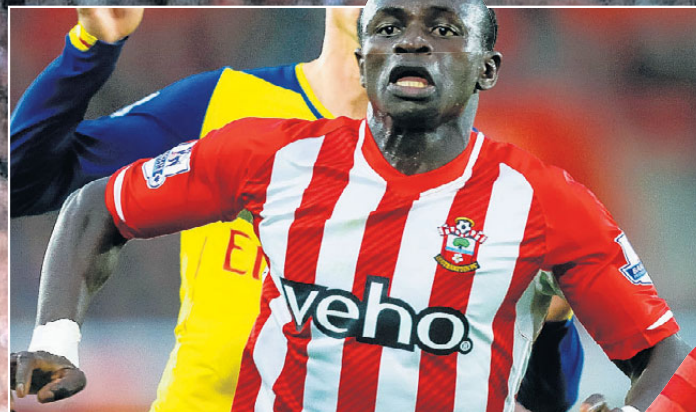
The present - this season
Mane really started to flourish for Saints just as injury and a departure to the Africa Cup of Nations came.

That was a real shame as the Senegal wide man had shown glimpses up until that point of his pace and ability, but had struggled to consistently deliver an end product.

However, Koeman produced another of his tactical masterstrokes by opting to play Mane in a more central attacking role, working off of Graziano Pelle.

It worked a treat as Mane scored against Crystal Palace, Chelsea and Arsenal, before the injury and the trip away for international duty.

SAINTS BUILD FOR THE FUTURE



The future - what next?

After the Africa Cup of Nations there will be hope at St Mary's that Mane will return fit and fresh and ready to pick up where he left off.

Mane was on fire before the injury against Arsenal and Saints will want to see plenty more of that. Also needs to keep delivering with Eljero Elia having come in to replace him for the time being and having started so impressively.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 8

Shane Long

Striker
Age: 28
Signed for Saints: August 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £12m from Hull
Saints league apps 2014/15: 9(11)
Goals: 2
Cup apps 2014/15: 5(1)
Cup goals: 2
Total Saints apps: 14(12)

- Saints history

This is his first season with the club.

The present - this season

It has been a bit of a mixed bag for Long. He has grafted really hard and tried to make the most of every minute of action he has got, but getting a run of games has been difficult.

Graziano Pelle has been an ever present in the striking role, meaning Long has had to try and adapt to playing from deeper.

He has looked at his most dangerous when playing as a striker, or through the middle just off of Pelle, but with the balance of the side in mind Koeman has often played Long in a wide role.

That is fairly new to him and something he is still adapting to.

The future - what next?

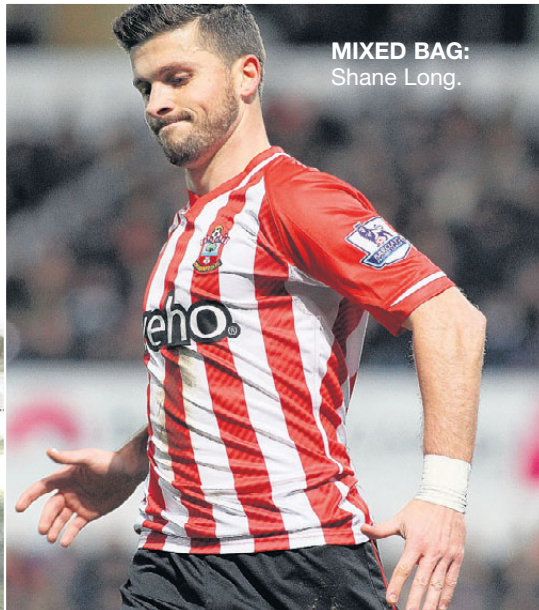
Long will be keen to try and nail down a

Saints Spotlight

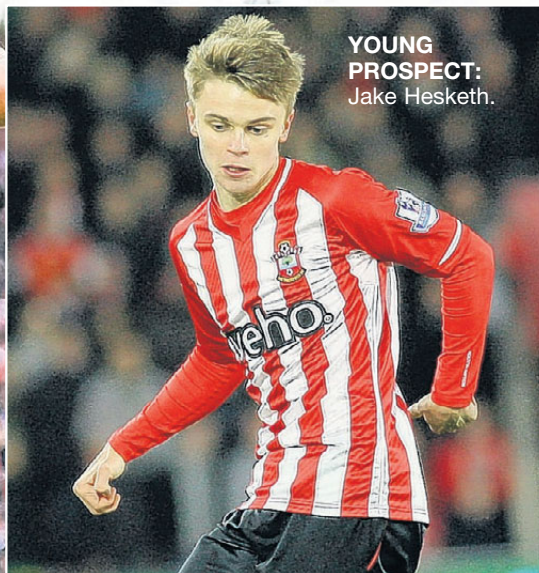


STAR NAMES:
Dusan Tadic
and
Graziano
Pelle.

MIXED BAG:
Shane Long.



YOUNG PROSPECT:
Jake Hesketh.



place as a first team regular. He has shown the desire, and the ability, to do so, but will really want to try and play to his strengths.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 7

Graziano Pelle

Striker

Age: 29
Signed for Saints: July 2014 (by Ronald Koeman), £8m from Feyenoord
Saints league apps 2014/15: 22
Goals: 8
Cup apps 2014/15: 4(1)
Cup goals: 3
Total Saints apps: 26(1)
Goals: 11

The past - Saints history
This is his first season with the club.

The present - this season

Pelle has been an excellent signing, filling perfectly the gap left last summer by Rickie Lambert.

The club really needed another talismanic figure, and they got one in Pelle.

Like Lambert he has a huge physical presence, and, like Lambert, a keen eye for goal too.

Pelle found goals easy to come by in the opening months, but they have dried up since – just two in his last 14 league games.

However, he remains a key man for Saints thanks to everything he brings to the side, which is pivotal for the way the team play.

The future – what next?

He will be keen to get back to his prolific scoring form as soon as possible to help his side succeed.

Also, with Pelle having won his first Italian caps this season, he will know that he needs to stay on good form with Saints to keep his place in the squad as they head

towards next year's European Championship finals.

Mark out of ten for 2014/15: 9

Emmanuel Mayuka

Striker

Age: 24

Signed for Saints: August 2012 (by Nigel Adkins), £4m from Young Boys

Saints league apps 2014/15: 0(5)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 0(1)

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 3(16)

Goals: 1

Summary: It is some two-and-a-half years since he signed for decent money and Mayuka is still struggling to achieve even his fourth start. Needs something to change for him very soon if he is to seriously challenge for a regular first team place.

Jake Hesketh

Midfielder

Age: 18

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 1(1)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 0

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 1(1)

Goals: 0

Summary: Was handed a surprise first start against Burnley but came off injured in the first half. Also made an appearance against Manchester United and is on the very fringes as a creative midfielder.

Lloyd Isgrove

Winger

Age: 22

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 0(1)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 1(2)

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 2(5)

Goals: 0

Summary: At 22 now, Isgrove knows he needs to make a decisive first team breakthrough but faces very tough competition for his position when Saints are at full strength.

Jason McCarthy

Centre half

Age: 19

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 0(2)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 0

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 0(2)

Goals: 0

Summary: The young centre half has four towering central defenders in front of him, but when the squad has been a little thinner Koeman has been keen to have him involved, which is a good sign for him.

Dominic Gape

Midfielder

Age: 20

Signed for Saints: from youth

Saints league apps 2014/15: 0(1)

Goals: 0

Cup apps 2014/15: 0

Cup goals: 0

Total Saints apps: 0(1)

Goals: 0

Summary: The young midfielder made a brief debut from the bench this season.

Saints' loan star future in doubt...

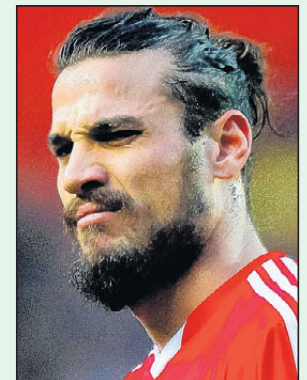
SAINTS loanee Dani Osvaldo's immediate future looks unclear after he was suspended by Inter Milan.

The 29-year-old, who is on a year-long loan deal at the Serie A club, failed to turn up for training on two successive days.

Osvaldo has only made five league starts for the club in 2014/15, and has fallen down the pecking order after the recent arrivals of Lukas Podolski from Arsenal and Xherdan Shaqiri from Bayern Munich.

Harry Redknapp was reportedly keen to give Osvaldo another fresh start at Queens Park Rangers, but the player is not keen. Osvaldo has only started 18 league games for Saints, Juventus and Inter since the start of last season.

He netted just three times for Saints in 13 Premier



SUSPENDED: Dani Osvaldo

League appearances – four from the bench – before he was fined and suspended over his role in a touchline fracas in a league match against Newcastle.

He was later fined for a training ground incident in which he head-butted teammate Jose Fonte and was loaned to Juventus last January.

Osvaldo scored three goals in 18 appearances, but the Turin club did not take up the option to buy at the end of last season.

He was then loaned to Inter for 2014-2015, but the manager who signed him – Walter Mazzarri – was sacked last November and ex-Manchester City title winner Roberto Mancini appointed in his place.

Osvaldo has only made one Serie A start since Mancini arrived.



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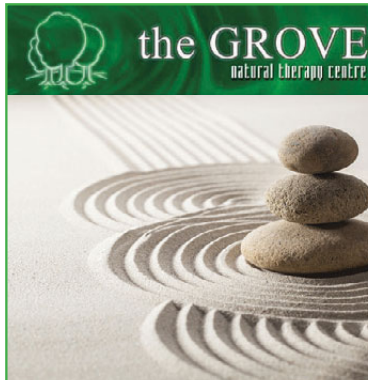
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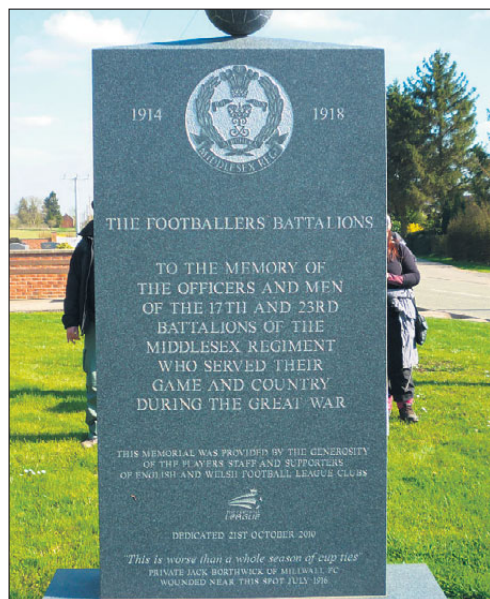
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DEDICATION: The Footballers' Battalion memorial on the Somme



REMEMBERED: A memorial to Wilf Toman, who played for Saints and Everton



MEMORIAL: The Chappelle-d'Armentieres Old Military Cemetery, where Arthur Coleman is buried

Sunday marks 100 years since first the **POIGNANT** A

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SPORTS REPORTER

THERE is a certain poignance to this weekend, when it comes to the history of Saints.

It is 100 years ago tomorrow that the club suffered its first casualty in France during the First World War.

It was January 25, 1915, when Arthur Coleman, a soldier-trialist who made one Western League appearance for Saints – in a 5-1 defeat at Eastville in 1904 – died during the conflict.

He was the first ex-Saint to be buried in a known First World War grave, at the Chapelle-d'Armentieres Old Military Cemetery.

Coleman is one of more than 1,000 players to be documented in All the Saints, the book which profiles every person who has ever made played for the club.

It is written by official club historians Gary Chalk, Duncan Holley and David Bull.

The trio will be conducting an illustrated talk on Southampton Footballers in the First World War, at Southampton Solent University, on Tuesday, February 10.

Coincidentally, that day marks the anniversary of the death of Albert Hartshorne, who is buried in the second known grave, in Boulogne.

Hartshorne and Coleman were two of the 19 men to have played for the club's senior team who went to the war but did not return.

They were not the first to perish, however.

That was Fred Costello, who fell on



EASTERN PROMISE: Bert Shelley, fourth from left, learning his football in Egypt

December 19, 1914, in Belgium, where he was fighting with the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Warwickshires.

It was not until this week a century ago that news of his death finally filtered through to Southampton, where Costello's family home was.

The centre-forward, who was converted from an inside-left, played 62 times for Saints, scoring 19 goals, from 1907 to 1909.

He is buried at Ploegsteert Cemetery, in Hainaut, Belgium.

While this weekend marks a notable anniversary, it is also somewhat fitting that it features a match between Saints and Crystal Palace.

The two clubs' history is intertwined to some extent when it comes to the First World War, with two Palace reserves, who would go on to play first-team football for Saints – Edward Bell and Charlie Tyson – winning major military awards for their bravery during the conflict.

Bell, who served with the 17th Middlesex, also known as the Footballers' Battalion, was honoured with a Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry, before later being gazetted a Bar to the award, while Tyson, a Quartermaster and Captain with the 105th Field Ambulance Corps, received a Croix de Guerre – a French award for gallantry.

All of these stories will be touched upon in the latest talk by the historians, who have also been providing some fascinating details in their war features in the Saints matchday programmes this season.

Bull provided an insight into some of the



OVERSEAS SERVICE: Bert Shelley with his regimental team in India.

Saints Spotlight



Saints casualty killed in First World War

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...ot with the 1st/4th Wiltshires, and in uniform at 15



help they have received in collating the information.

"When we started our season-long series, we'd long been in contact with Terry Shelley, the son of Bert Shelley, who'd established a record number of appearances for the Saints on his way to becoming the trainer, in 1937, at Liverpool, where he continued to work in the famous Anfield boot-room, right into the Shankly era," he said.

"We were able to benefit from Terry's large collection of photos of his father, the boy-soldier who served mainly in India with the Hampshire, before seeing some action in Palestine, and who featured in regimental football line-ups at both locations.

"We received so much help, in respect of this and other Hants battalions, from the Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum in Winchester.

"Then, out of the blue, we heard from the great-

nephew of Harold Dawson, who was with the Royal Engineers in Gallipoli and Egypt, whereupon Duncan delved into his unparalleled collection of Saints photos to produce a reserves line-up from 1921, in which Dawson stands alongside centre-

forward George Reader, who would become a World Cup referee and, of course, Southampton's chairman.

"And we've been exchanging information with websites, notably the Southampton Cenotaph site and the Kent Fallen site.

"The former contained the domestic history of Cecil Christmas - whose family had made their fortune in the Edinburgh Commercial Hotel in St Mary's Road, Southampton - on which we were able to draw in our series.

"The Kent Fallen site has photos of many memorials.

"The site's owner, David Hughes, is just one of the people we've gradually been in touch as our series progressed, who have first-hand knowledge of the memorials and cemeteries on the

Western Front.

"I had the good fortune to be included in the club's trip to the Premier League's Under-12 tournament in Ypres, in November.

"That meant I was taken to such iconic Belgian locations as the Menin Gate and the Tyne Cot Cemetery, but I know nothing of the memorials and cemeteries in France.

"We've been helped hugely in that regard by Steve Lane, a Saints fan who's given us so much information, including photos of the Memorial, on the Somme, to the Footballers' Battalion.

"And an Everton fan, Steve Jones, has taught us so much about Wilf Toman, who played 29 games each for Southampton and Everton, while Everton FC sent us a bunch of photos of Toman's grave, which a delegation from the club had recently visited.

"Finally, Portsmouth fan Alan Laishley had information for us on Bill Durham, who played once for the Saints and sailed for France two days later, with one of the Hants battalions that became known as the 'Pompey Pals', which explains why Pompey's players are wearing his name, along with those of 1,421 other Pals, on their shirts this season."

■ **Southampton Footballers In The First World War, an illustrated talk by three of Saints' official historians, will take place at Southampton Solent University, on Tuesday, February 10.**

It will begin at 5pm in the Herbert Collins Building, room HC022, on the East Park Terrace campus.

Representatives from the Ex-Saints Association will be in attendance, including former players Mike Earls and Tony Godfrey.

Admission is free, with the talk being followed by light refreshments, while ex-Saints and the authors will be on hand to sign copies of All the Saints.



OUT OF THE BLUE: George Reader and Harold Dawson



TRIBUTE: The Footballers' Battalion memorial

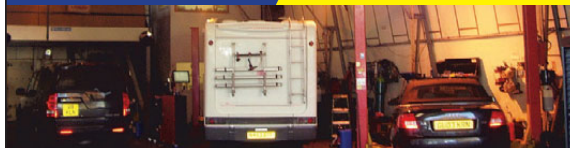


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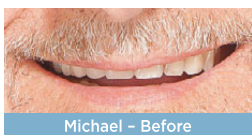
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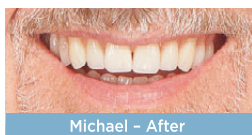
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Non-league Action

Totton continue good run with 3-1 win over strugglers Wantage Town



ON TARGET: Craig Feeney scores the second goal.

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AFC TOTTON continued to enjoy a happy New Year by beating Southern One South & West strugglers Wantage Town 3-1 at the Testwood Stadium this afternoon.

It was the Stags fifth straight victory of 2015 scoring 18 goals in the process.

The Stags began with all the zest of a side on a winning streak and were unlucky not to race into a second minute lead.

Craig Feeney chested the ball down into the path Nathaniel Sherborne who was denied by a

great double save by keeper Gareth Tucker at his near post.

From Mike Gosney's corner Rob Flocks thumped a header forward and Zac Moulard stuck out a boot and just nicked the ball wide of Tucker's left-hand post.

Tucker had to be alert again to divert Sherborne's fierce low drive out for another corner and then smother Gosney's free kick as it cleared a clutch of players queuing up to meet it.

There was plenty of chat from Wantage both on the pitch and from the dug-out as they looked to keep Totton at bay and, when the visitors did finally break into the Stags'

area, referee Ben Cobb waved away penalty appeals as Nick Thorne went down after going shoulder to shoulder with Stuart Mott.

Having seen little of the ball in the opening stages, Wantage began to grow into the game and the Stags appeared to be somewhat fortunate when the decision went their way after Flocks appeared to shove Stuart Cattell in the back inside Totton's six-yard box.

When it came, Totton's 36-minute opener was as soft as they come. Jamie BLACKBURN delivered a harmless looking diagonal ball from the left and, after Town's Adam Lovegrove had stuck out a leg and missed it completely, the crowd watched on in amused disbelief as the ball by-passed Tucker and trickled into the net.

The Stags then went for the jugular and keeper Tucker had to divert Feeney's close-range header over after Flocks had nodded Gosney's corner back across goal.

The home pressure continued and, with Wantage unable to clear their line, it became 2-0 in the 43rd minute when Tucker half-saved Sherborne's strike and FEENEY pounced to bury the loose ball.

Two became three just after the break when Totton were awarded a penalty for handball by Dan Warne as Wantage struggled to cope with another Gosney delivery.

FEENEY did the honours with a dinked finish into the bottom right-hand corner.

Wantage responded with a couple of chances of their own - home



CELEBRATION: After the first goal for Totton

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keeper Steve Mowthorpe carrying Mark Janes crisp shot from inside the area before Adam Lovegrove's strike drifted over.

Jake Johns was the next to test Mowthorpe with a clever chipped effort towards the far corner, but the Totton keeper - anxious to keep a third clean sheet running - again proved equal to it.

There was a comical moment on 75 minutes when Stuart Mott's blast from the edge of the area deflected through to Flocks inside the six-yard box.

As the big defender shaped to shoot, Tucker dived to nick the ball of his toes, but the flag had been raised for off-side in any case.

With Totton looking comfortable,

Gosney fed substitute Joe Maxwell on the left of the area. He delivered into the six-yard box where Tucker managed to dive on the ball before Feeney arrived on the scene.

The Stags came within inches of a fourth on 85 minutes when Gosney hit a sublime, 30-yard free-kick which came back off the upright.

There was a bizarre finish to the game when Mowthorpe seemingly made sure of preserving a clean sheet when he clawed a Karl Roberts effort out from under the bar.

But, in the depth of stoppage time, he went to punch another awkward high ball but missed it under pressure from Lovegrove and the ball went in for a late Wantage reply.



CLOSE: Nathaniel Sherborne shoots

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IN ACTION: Mike Gosney (left) on the ball for Totton

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Non-league Football

Eastleigh's poppy power

EASTLEIGH have handed over a cheque for £300 to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

The money was raised through a special edition team strip, complete with poppy logo, worn for the Vanarama Conference fixture against Chester in November.

Members of the RBL's Eastleigh branch were invited along to enjoy the Spitfires' hospitality and to watch the game for free and the shirt was then sold to supporters with a donation from each going to the Poppy Appeal.

Norman Brown, county Poppy Appeal co-ordinator, said: "The poppy is a powerful symbol worn to commemorate all those who have fought and died in our Armed Forces and to show support for those still serving today and their loved ones.

"We are thrilled to receive the cheque and very grateful for all the

support Eastleigh FC is giving us."

Mark Jewell, Eastleigh's chief executive, added: "We are proud to have honoured our veterans in this way and will continue to do so.

"We wished to mark the centenary of the First World War last year and remember the sacrifices and commitment made by our Armed Forces both then and now.

"We believe in this so strongly that we will continue to engage with our veteran community this coming year, raising money for our Armed Forces."

The Spitfires are planning hospitality days for 2015 and free tickets to games.

If you are a veteran, RBL member or currently serve in the military and would like to register an interest in attending a game, please contact Sarah Newton at the club on 023 8061 3361 or email snewton@eastleighfc.com.



FOOTBALL FOR THE FORCES: Members of the RBL's Eastleigh branch at Eastleigh's home game against Chester in November.

Non-league News

Poole's home comfort
POOLE Town have been drawn at home to Truro City in the quarter-finals of the Red Insure Cup having beaten Sholing 3-0 in the last round.

Meanwhile Tom Killick's (pictured) Dolphins will travel to Weymouth for a Dorset Senior Cup semi-final on Tuesday, March 3.

Wimborne Town must hit the road to Dorchester in the other last-four county clash.



Ami's Poppies return

SHIMA Ami has retraced his steps back to Bournemouth Poppies.

Ami left Victoria Park to join Sydenhams Premier rivals Blackfield & Langley earlier this season, but the young defender is now back where he started. Also new in at Poppies this week is Ryan Bailey.

Tadley want a game

TADLEY Calleva were itching to return to action this weekend having gone almost a month without a game.

Danny Dolan's men won the Sydenhams One club-of-the-month award for December after going on a run that took them to the top of the table.

But, ahead of today's scheduled home game against Laverstock & Ford, they had yet to play in 2015.

Tadley were without a fixture last weekend, while Tuesday's Basingstoke Senior Cup tie against Hungerford Town was postponed due to a frozen Barlow Park pitch.

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EASTLEIGH have inevitably had to splash some cash to be competitive in the Vanarama Conference this season.

But manager Richard Hill believes rival clubs should think twice before dismissively tarring them with the "big spenders" brush.

What visiting fans fail to appreciate when they come to the Silverlake Stadium, he points out, is that they are among the big beneficiaries of the money Spitfires chairman Stewart Donald is pumping into the club.

At £12, Eastleigh's admission fees are among the lowest in the league and the Stoneham Lane viewing experience has improved no end with covered terracing on two sides of the ground and an impressive new 2,300-seater stand now in place behind the far-end goal.

Additional improvements – another bar, extra toilets and turnstiles – will be completed before the club can, in Donald's words, "potentially look at developing the main stand and the site further."

Yet instead of receiving plaudits for all the hard work and investment that has gone into transforming the ground over the last few months, all Hill ever hears is rival clubs making digs about the money Eastleigh are spending in their quest for promotion.

"Every time we go away from home and I read the manager's notes, there's nearly always a reference to "big-spending Eastleigh" or something of that connotation," said Hill.

"Yes, we have spent a few quid, but we've spent it as a club and not just on the team and I get a bit disappointed by people making comments about us when they don't actually know what we're spending and on what.

SPITFIRES BOSS HILL REJECTS 'BIG SPENDERS' TAG

ON THE ATTACK: Richard Hill has hit back at rival supporters and "lazy managers".

"Yes, we have spent a few quid, but we've spent it as a club and not just on the team and I get a bit disappointed by people making comments about us when they don't actually know what we're spending and on what"

"The money Stew has spent has built us a wonderful stand behind the goal and another (covered terrace) down the side of the pitch, so these supporters who are busy calling us big spenders are actually reaping the benefits of it.

"But they don't seem to appreciate that the money going into the club is adding to their matchday experience.

"We go to places where they charge

between £15 and £17 to get in, but when those clubs come to us it's £12 admission, so visiting fans are reaping the rewards of Stewart's investment.

"When Halifax came to us, their fans slaughtered our ground and yet it costs £5 less to get in here than up at their place."

While he was at it, Hill took a pot-shot at "lazy managers" who, he feels, use Eastleigh's so-called spend-

ing power as a smoke screen to cover their own inadequacies.

"When I signed James Constable (from Oxford United) in the summer no one else approached him and it was the same with Jack Midson, Paul Reid and Craig Stanley," he said.

"Those players were all there available and I picked up the phone and spoke to them personally, whereas no one else did.

"When other managers see players like that have gone somewhere, they just put it all down to money, which is not the case. That's just lazy management.

"It's all about self-preservation. The manager sees the players we've got, thinks he might not be able to beat us and buys himself two free games by talking about 'big-spending Eastleigh'.

"But when have you ever heard me talking about Bristol Rovers or whoever and saying: 'They're massive, we can't compete with these.'?"

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JAMIE Thoroughgood couldn't have asked for a better start in a Winchester City shirt.

Not only did his debut coincide with a 4-0 Sydenhams Premier victory over Lymington Town to keep City's Sydenhams Premier title tilt on track, but 22-year-old Thoroughgood chipped in with the first goal.

The trainee doctor, in the final year of his studies at University Hospital Southampton, proved a real tonic to his teammates as he rose to head in Micky Hubbard's corner.

Thoroughgood broke into senior men's football with Guildford City, making his first-team debut at the age of 16 and going on to make 170 appearances for the Surrey outfit, collecting the supporters' player-of-the-year prize in 2012/13.

He first appeared on the local scene with Romsey Town after his medical studies had brought him south.

He has since divided his time between Hampshire and Surrey, featuring again for Guildford and briefly for Chipstead, while following ex-Romsey coach Andy Darnton on his travels to Verwood, Bashley and, most recently, Christchurch.

Praising his new signing after a solid start against Lymington, Winchester boss Paul Masters said: "Jamie came in and has settled into the group very well.

"Our squad's been a bit lop-sided with not too much cover defensively. Jamie's someone we had been aware of and we thought it was time to go out and get him.

"We've got a good squad and a tight group of lads, but we just needed another defender."

Top gun Warren Bentley netted Winchester's second against Lymington after good work by



DOUBLE: Warren Bentley, left.

Charlie Smeeton but, unusually for him, he missed a second-half penalty after Lymo 'keeper Stuart Williamson had brought him down.

Williamson was red-carded and outfielder Luke Ansell immediately covered himself in glory by denying

Bentley from the spot.

Bentley, though, did score a second from sub Geoff Dunn's assist and the last word went to his strike partner Zach Glasspool who gave Ansell no chance with a left-foot cracker from 20 yards.

The penalty miss was a minor blot on an otherwise promising performance by Bentley who, in the manager's view, is getting back to his best after a nagging ankle problem sidelined him prior to Christmas.

"Warren's finding his way back to fitness now and getting his sharpness back," said Masters. "It was good for him to get a couple of goals.

"I'm not sure it sends out a warning to the rest of the league, but Warren's Warren, he will always score goals.

"It's probably taken him a couple of games to find his feet, but one thing he does do is put himself in areas to score.

"He missed the penalty but it was a good save by Lymington's replacement 'keeper Luke Ansell and he made one or two more after that.

"I was impressed with Lymington. John (Pyatt) and Warren (Kenna) have got a good, close group there. They're a decent side."

On Tuesday Winchester – shorn of several cup-tied players – gave as good as they got for much of their Hampshire FA Senior Cup quarter-final at Conference South outfit Gosport Borough, but tiredness eventually caught up with them as they bowed out 5-2.

City played the prettier football and goals by Adam 'Taz' Roberts and Bentley kept them level pegging with their lofty hosts until Lee Wort (2) and sub Matt Paterson punished their heavy legs.

"I'm a little bit disappointed. When we went 3-2 down I think we got a little bit ragged, a bit of tiredness came in with some of the youngsters," said Masters.

"We're not happy to lose any game of football at the moment as we're on a really good run but, at the end of the day, it's probably the least of our priorities.

"The league is our priority, so it was a good learning curve."

Gosport's victory held special significance for manager Alex Pike – it was his 500th game at the helm of the Privett Park outfit.

Non-league News

Mac back at Boreham
FORMER Eastleigh skipper Daryl McMahon has gone full circle in the Conference South.

Three years after leaving Boreham Wood to sign for the Spitfires, the 31-year-old midfielder has returned to Meadow Park from Ebbsfleet.

McMahon left Wood midway through the 2011/12 season to join Eastleigh when Ian Baird was in charge.

But no sooner had current Spitfires boss Richard Hill taken over in September 2012 than the Irishman was sold to Dover Athletic, who finally got their man at the third attempt after having two initial bids turned down.

In June 2013 the ex-Orient and Stevenage playmaker moved on to Ebbsfleet for a reported fee of £13,000.

Boreham Wood chairman Danny Hunter is delighted to have him back, stating: "Daryl is, in our opinion, one of the best and most creative midfielder players in this league."



Hawks Nic vital win

HAVANT & Waterlooville summoned up all their battling qualities to strengthen their grip on a Vanarama Conference South play-off spot last Sunday.

The Hawks had defender Dan Strugnell controversially sent off, but the ten men still managed a 1-0 victory at Hayes & Yeading.

Strugnell got his marching orders early in the second half when, as last man, he was adjudged to have denied Junior Ogedi-Ozokwe a clear goal-scoring opportunity.

H&W boss Lee Bradbury was disgusted with the decision, but delighted when Nic Ciardini pulled victory out of the bag, cutting in from the right on 73 minutes and curling a beauty inside the far post.

Bradbury, who intended to appeal Strugnell's dismissal, said: "I have looked at the incident again on video and he clearly toed the ball back to goalkeeper Ryan Young.

"But after going down to ten men we showed great resilience and work-rate to go on and get the win."

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Dossie: I've put close to £1m into Sutton



FORMER Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell revealed this week that he had put "close to £1m" into Sutton United.

Last Saturday's 2-1 win over Ebbsfleet was only the Us' second three-point haul in the Conference South since mid-October.

Their disappointing campaign has brought criticism of Doswell, pictured left, by what he terms "faceless" posters on the club's forum, prompting the Compton-based boss to make his critics aware of how much he has invested in the Gander Green Lane outfit.

Speaking to the Sports Pink's fellow

Newsquest paper, *The Sutton Guardian*, he said: "I have been hurt by many comments from within the club, but people need to understand what is happening at this football club.

"I personally put in £200k over the summer for the refurbishment. I have never told anyone that. I read that that was from the FA Cup money and that makes me laugh.

"The club have given me a budget, probably lower to mid-table, and in the seven years I have been here, I have added to that every single week and if there is an over-spend, then it's my

over-spend, I put it in.

"If mistakes are made with players, they are my mistakes, not the club's mistakes.

"I am a non-League manager – I believe I have put in close £1m into this football club over seven years."

Doswell has strengthened his squad since the turn of the year.

Ex-Havant and Woking goalkeeper Aaron Howe and former Salisbury and Aldershot striker Dan Fitchett made their debuts against Ebbsfleet, while Sutton have also welcomed back former Eastleigh crowd favourite Damian Scannell on loan from Bromley.

Non-league Football

Robbo: I think I've fallen in love with Wessex League

DANNY Robinson has recharged his batteries and is itching to get back to his Wessex roots.

Robinson, along with Tim Cole, memorably led Alresford Town to seven trophies and two Sydenhams Premier runners-up spots in the space of three whirlwind seasons.

On the back of that fairytale success story, they landed the Winchester City job last summer, but their reign at the Denplan City Ground was short-lived.

Differences of opinion with City's director of football Dave Malone saw them quit towards the end of October.

Berkshire-based Robinson, pictured right, who lives and breathes football, quickly landed a job on his doorstep as part of the management team at Hellenic League outfit Newbury.

But it was only ever likely to be a temporary arrangement for the ambitious 28-year-old who would eventually love to manage in the Southern League.

For now, though, Robinson is dreaming of a return to the Wessex ranks where he believes he has "unfinished business" to attend to.

"I feel I've recharged my batteries and I want to be back in the Wessex League," he said.

"It's the league I've grown up in, having spent nine years in it, and it's where my roots are and where my player base is.

"The Hellenic League is more physical. I call it the Mini Southern League because it's very direct and strong.

"Looking at the FA Vase, there are still three Hellenic sides in it - Flackwell

Heath, Ascot United and Highworth Town (playing today) - and the top five or six teams in that league are very good.

"But football-wise I think the Wessex is better.

"I'm more accustomed to the Wessex League and, if I don't get the opportunity to go into the Southern League just yet, the Wessex is where I'd rather be.

"I feel refreshed now and the travelling doesn't bother me one bit because I've travelled all my footballing life.

"Being at Newbury has been hard work, but it's been enjoyable too and the good thing about it is that, if something else comes up, I can go and do it."

Robinson keeps in regular contact with some of his good friends on the Sydenhams circuit, including Whitchurch United's Carl Bennett.

He often chats to Cole and keeps tabs on nearly all their ex-players but admits he takes no particular interest in events at Winchester, where Paul Masters is now in charge.

"I'm still in contact with pretty much every player Tim and I took to Winchester and, for the sake of the lads still there, I hope they win the league or come close," he said.

"From a personal point of view, I feel I've got unfinished business trying to win the Wessex League after coming so close at Alresford.

"Me and Tim had success and I really enjoyed it.

"There's just something about the Wessex League. I think I've fallen in love with it a bit!"



Baffling sending off the final straw for Bemerton boss

DEPARTING Bemerton Heath Harlequins boss Ian Chalk has come to the end of his tether with the Sydenhams Wessex League, admitting he becomes "an angry little man" on match days.

As reported in last week's *Sports Pink*, the club stalwart - in his eighth season in charge - has decided to step down from his position when the season terminates in April, writes **JOEL HOLT**.

Chalk, who joined the Harlequins as a player before becoming permanent manager in 2007, informed the board last September that he would no longer continue in the role when the season ended. And, following the Christmas break, he revealed the news to his players.

"This isn't a decision I've made recently," stressed the 49-year-old.

"I've done 33 years at this standard and it's just too much.

"I have other interests I want to pursue like playing golf and fishing, as well as spending time with my wife, who deserves some time with me!

"The club needs a new face to progress and will be better without me."

During Chalk's long-lasting stint at Bemerton, he led them to a third-placed finish in 2009/10 before twice coming runners-up and reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase in 2012/13.

However, following a humble seventh-placed finish last season, Heath are now loitering in mid-table, and this campaign has not been one of the Western Way outfit's finest.

And, in the wake of last Saturday's 6-1 hammering at home to Moneyfields - a game they finished with ten men - Chalk said the woeeful refereeing was the final straw.

"I've not witnessed anything like it before," he said.

"Liam Hutchinson was sent off and I don't know why.

"It summed it up and I need to go.

"I'm an excitable and passionate character on the side of the

CHALK: I'M FED UP WITH WESSEX LEAGUE

PARTING SHOT: Departing Bemerton boss Ian Chalk has criticised the standard of refereeing in the Wessex League.

"I've become an angry little man on match days and that's not me at all"

pitch and admittedly can be my own worst enemy.

"I'm quite a nice guy, but I believe referees come to Bemerton with a pre-ordained

idea of how they are going to officiate.

"Their perception of me and a few players is such that we are subjected to unfair treatment and are on the wrong end of pretty much all major decisions.

"This isn't the whole reason why I'm finishing, but it's a major factor. I've become an angry little man on match days and that's not me at all.

"I've lost my motivation after my brother's (Steve Chalk) death and I'm just fed up with the Wessex League.

"I cannot change who I am

and I'm just not enjoying it." After spending more than three decades in the game, Chalk doesn't know what to expect when he finishes.

"I have no idea if I'll miss it - but I won't miss the Wessex League," he said. "I used to love playing the likes of Poole Town, AFC Totton and Gosport Borough and it's not the same since they left.

"However, I'll miss the dressing room and I've been lucky enough to work with such a great bunch of lads."

Applicants for the Bemerton manager's job can contact chairman Steve Slade on 01722 337286.

Hutchinson red card branded "worst decision ever"

FURIOUS Bemerton boss Ian Chalk slammed Liam Hutchinson's sending-off in last Saturday's 6-1 defeat by Moneyfields as probably "the worst decision ever."

Sixteen-year-old Alfie Rutherford put the Money men 2-0 up before Thomas Moseley finished off a good move to get the Harlequins back in the game.

Bemerton came out roaring for the second half and were still

ruing a turned-down penalty appeal for a trip on Jack Slade when a bizarre sequence of events changed the game entirely.

Hutchinson was scythed down from behind by Rutherford, who was already on a yellow card.

But, after a drop ball was awarded, it was Hutchinson who was dismissed for violent conduct, baffling everyone inside the Western Way ground.

Clearly dispirited, Heath's ten men succumbed to a hefty defeat with Steve Hutchings (2), Rutherford and substitute Declan Seiden cashing in for the Money men.

An angry Chalk said afterwards: "The referee had blown up for a foul to us and Alfie Rutherford would have picked up a second yellow and gone off.

"How he managed to swing that around and send Liam off I will

never know. And to finish it all off by restarting the game with a drop ball is complete madness!

"The decision to send Liam off has to be the worst ever.

"The players lost belief and confidence after that.

"To make matters worse from the wrongly awarded drop ball, they've got the ball in our box immediately and he's given a penalty for a push on Steve Hutchings."

Non-league Football



LOAN DEAL:
Sam Argent,
centre.

Town loan out ex-Saint

BASINGSTOKE Town have allowed ex-Saint Sam Argent to join Southern Premier outfit Hungerford Town on loan.

Dragons boss manager Jason Bristow insists the Basingstoke-born 22-year-old remains part of his plans going forward but feels he needs more game time than he is currently getting with the Conference South promotion chasers.

Argent began his career with Southampton and, later, Hayes & Yeading as a right-back.

More recently he has moved up front and his goals were pivotal in helping Whitchurch United gain promotion from Sydenhams One two seasons ago.

He then moved to Hartley Wintney before joining Basingstoke in the summer. But frontline competition is stiff at

the Camrose Ground with Chris Flood, Manny Williams, Liam Enver-Marum and Lloyd Macklin all vying for places.

Bristow, meanwhile, admits Basingstoke are not in a financial position to compete with some of the Conference South's big spenders.

The Dragons were sitting fourth heading into today's scheduled top-of-the-table clash at Bromley, but the club does not have the same financial clout as some of the other sides gunning for promotion.

"Because there is no runaway leader this year, people are throwing money around to try to get automatic promotion," said Bristow.

"We can't compete with the sort of money being spent.

"It's exciting for everyone that we are in this position, but it's important we do not get too carried away."

Non-league News

Stadium wait for Salisbury

REFORMED Salisbury FC say future plans rely heavily on getting the green light to re-occupy the stadium they have used for 17 years.

The consortium running the phoenix club have had talks with the trustees about returning to the Ray Mac and expect to hear an outcome at the beginning of next month.

In the meantime Salisbury hope to host a fans' forum in which supporters will be updated about ongoing matters by first-team manager Steve Claridge and the new board.

Applications will be made to the Wiltshire FA and The FA about rejoining the football pyramid, but much hinges on getting back into the ground.

Advisor Ian Ridley told the supporters' club website:

"Very little is happening currently as we cannot really do much until we receive the go-ahead from the trustees to re-occupy the Ray Mac Stadium. As we understand it, they are considering their position and we expect them to come back to us with their thoughts by the beginning of February.

"Again, as we go forward, much will depend on which league we are placed in by The FA.

"As things become clearer we also plan to be in contact with the supporters' club and have a meeting to outline the structure of the new club and enlist their help and input.

"This does not mean we are not working hard behind the scenes to get things going.

"Steve Claridge (pictured above) is already looking at building a squad for next season and we are making commercial plans."

Mandy Woolford, who previously worked for the Whites, has rejoined as commercial manager.



SHOLING'S BAND OF BROTHERS MARCH INTO HISTORY BOOKS ...

But Mason trio not the first to bag rarest of hat-tricks

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THERE has been much flicking through record books since the Mason brothers – Dan, Barry and Byron – all scored for Sholing in their 3-3 Southern One South & West draw against Shortwood United last Saturday.

Was it the first time a hat-trick of brothers had got on scoresheet in the same match?

Apparently not.

Records show that the Fenoughty brothers – Tom, Michael and Nick – all netted for Matlock Town in 1978.

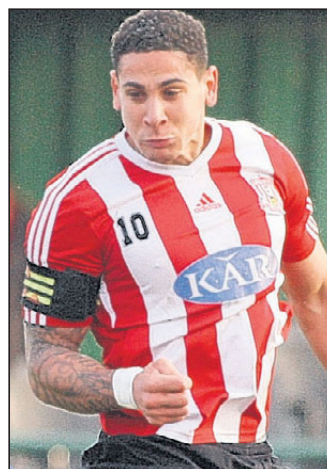
Not only that, the three Fenoughtys featured in Matlock's 4-0 FA Trophy triumph over Scarborough in the 1975, making them the first trio of brothers ever to feature in a Wembley final for the same team on the same day.

Two of Sholing's sharp-shooting siblings, Barry and skipper Byron, also had the honour of playing at Wembley last May when the Boatmen proudly lifted the FA Vase with a 1-0 victory over West Auckland.

This season they have been rejoined at Portsmouth Road by younger brother Dan, 22, and it was the Southampton Solent University student who headed the Boatmen in front against Shortwood.

Barry, a 30-year-old crane operator at Southampton Docks, doubled the lead with a 25th-minute penalty before the Gloucestershire visitors turned the game on its head to lead 3-2.

But with five minutes to go, middle Mason Byron, 27, came charging to the rescue by heading in a



FAMILY AFFAIR: Brothers Barry, left, Byron, centre, and Dan Mason all scored for Sholing against Shortwood in the Southern League.

"Hopefully our kids will be able to look it up and see we made a little bit of history"

late leveller.

Byron, an electrician with BSA Regal, admitted afterwards that he had been so concentrated on saving Sholing from defeat that it did not sink until later that all three Masons had scored.

"It wasn't until after the game when someone asked who scored the goals and I said 'me, Baz and

Dan' that it dawned on me that it was just us three brothers," he said.

"Then people were putting stuff up on Facebook and we got thinking about it. Hopefully our kids will be able to look it up and see we made a little bit of history."

The unusual family feat has attracted much media attention, with manager Dave Diaper admitting: "There's been a hell of a lot of interest. It's been on social media and it's all good publicity for the club.

"For all three of them to score was quite unique and I'm pleased for them.

"Dan's come along later, but Barry, Byron and Marvin McLean are a cornerstone of the club really and they've been key to the success we've had.

"It's great to have them on board."

Barry, the senior member of the Mason trio, was substituted with 15 minutes to go against Shortwood and did not even realise Byron had scored.

"I'd gone back to the dressing room and I thought we'd lost," he said.

"Me and my brothers love our football and it's great playing with them.

"It would have been better to get the win with all three of us scoring, but we showed character to get back into the game."

Saints memorably had their own trio of brothers with Rod, Danny and Ray Wallace all donning the red and white stripes in the 1980s/90s.

Meanwhile Spartan South Midlands League Division Two outfit Brimsdown have gone one better. Their three brothers – Ricky, Ralston and Riess Gabriel – are triplets!

Non-league Football

Arnold: Players have to question whether they are good enough

CHRISTCHURCH boss Adie Arnold felt "massively let down" by his players as Priory suffered a second heavy loss at the hands of his old club Verwood Town.

Arnold, pictured below, the most successful manager in Verwood's history, watched his current charges crumble to a 4-1 Sydenhams Premier defeat at Hurn Bridge last Saturday, following on from their 4-0 reverse at Potterne Park at the start of the season.

Beforehand, Arnold spoke fondly of his eight-and-a-half years in charge at Verwood which peaked with promotion to the Sydenhams Premier Division.

He also played more than 800 games for the Potters and quit as boss in March last year because he felt he had taken them as far as he could.

Arnold joined Christchurch two months later and, after a sticky start, was beginning to turn their fortunes around.

But when the chips were down in a basement derby against his old club, defensive discipline deserted them.

Liam Donachy, Jordan Fisk and Matt Groves put the visitors 3-0 up and, although Bryce Banfield pulled one back for Christchurch, Dan Munday completed the rout.

Other than Fisk's lobbed effort, Verwood's goals all stemmed from corners, leaving Arnold to rue his side's rearguard ineptitude.

"The real disappointment for me is people not doing their jobs and conceding three goals from set-pieces," he said.

"On a personal level I felt massively let down by individual players.

"What frustrates me is that we have to create our goals and we give soft ones away."

Christchurch looked to have turned the corner after winning three and drawing one of

their previous four games.

But even Verwood manager Carl Poore was surprised by last week's offering from Priory.

"I was expecting more from Christchurch as they were four games unbeaten and had won 7-0 (against Bournemouth Poppies) in their last game," he said.

"We controlled the game for 85 minutes and, if it wasn't for their 'keeper (Adam Tong), it could have been double figures."

"I expect Adie won't be happy with some of their defending, but we have some pace and it caused them trouble throughout the game."

Things lurched from bad to worse for Christchurch on Tuesday as they were crushed 7-1 at second-to-bottom Fareham Town, who had only won once in the league all season.

Arnold said the performance was "even worse" than Saturday's, describing it as "an embarrassment."

He added: "The preparation was not ideal. Three players pulled out on the day and we got there late, but that is still no excuse for a shocking display and I can't defend it."

"There were players out there who have to question whether they are good enough for the Wessex Premier."

"It sounds stupid because they beat us 7-1, but Fareham were a poor side."

That comment won't bother Fareham manager Matt Parr who felt his players dominated throughout.

Brady Norton, back from injury, led the rout with a hat-trick and was joined on the scoresheet by Ash Tattersall, Sam Kirkwood, Ian Humble and Jack James.

"There is a belief within the squad we can stay up, but we must build on this result," said Parr.



Kemp successor is named

GRAHAM Kemp has been succeeded at the helm at Dorchester Town by returning club favourite Mark Jermyn.

And, according to first-team coach Stuart Heath, Jermyn and his newly-appointed assistant Nick Crittenden are two men the players will "run through a brick wall for."

The new coaching team were due to take charge of their first game together at Truro City today, looking to build on last weekend's Southern Premier win over Banbury.

Heath said: "Me, Mark and Critts know each other and we

will do whatever we need to do to keep Dorchester in the league.

"It's not about egos or personal agendas, it's about keeping this football club in the league."

"In Nick and Mark we've got two lads at the helm that the players are really going to run through a brick wall for and, in a relegation battle, that is absolutely crucial."

Commenting on player-manager Jermyn, who has returned to the Magpies from Poole Town, Heath added: "I didn't know him before I came to Dorchester, but it only took me

a couple of training sessions and a few games to realise why he is so revered here.

"It's because of his attitude and his professionalism. There's no reason he can't show that as a manager now and be a real success."

Jermyn, 33, made more appearances in a Dorchester shirt than any other player during a 14-year stay at the Avenue before moving to Poole.

Poole announced via twitter feed last weekend that they had agreed a nominal fee with Dorchester for the immediate release of Jermyn.



GRAHAM KEMP

GUNSON GETS HIS REWARD

Sparsholt youngster called up by England

EASTLEIGH teenager Charlie Gunson has been selected for the England Schools' under-18s – to the delight of Sparsholt College Academy manager Neil Benson.

The 17-year-old midfielder, who studies at the college near Winchester, came through trials at Lilleshall and, out of thousands of hopefuls, Gunson's talent shone through, while teammate, keeper Mark Childs, narrowly missed out, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

The Bishopstoke youngster will now be in the young Three Lions side to play in three international matches, including one at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium on March 6 against Northern Ireland.

"I was initially speechless, but I am clearly thrilled," Gunson smiled. "I cannot wait to pull on the England shirt."

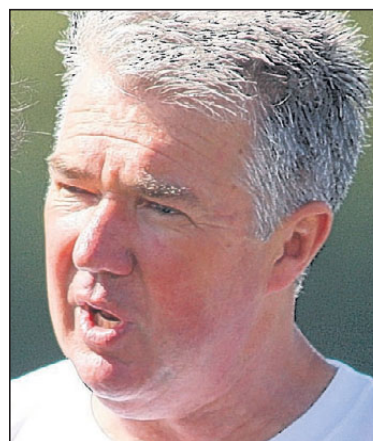
"To have one of the games played at Eastleigh, my home town, will give friends, family, team mates and staff the opportunity to watch me play."

Gunson plays for the Southampton FC Second Chance Programme at the college-based academy, which is run in partnership with Ronald Koeman's Premier League high fliers.

Catering for 16-to-19-year-olds, the academy aims to develop players' footballing potential while giving them the chance to study for national qualifications in sport.

"Charlie's selection for an England cap has come as marvellous news for us all," academy manager Neil Benson said.

"He has made tremendous progress during his time at Sparsholt College, enjoying the top-class training and match facilities we have here on the campus."



PRAISE: Neil Benson.

recognise the work done by Luke Hampton and Steve Perkins with the Hampshire Schools team.

Saints academy manager Matt Hale was also full of praise for the youngster.

"It is the highest honour to represent your country at any sport and Charlie's achievements should not be overlooked," he said.

"It is a reflection of not just his ability but the hard work and commitment he has shown at developing his potential and also those that have worked hard to support him."

"A real proud moment for his family no doubt, equally so for Southampton Football Club and our Sparsholt Second Chance Programme in particular."

Benson, who is also the manager of Sydenhams Premier outfit Andover Town, works round the clock with his youngsters at the academy and after this latest success story he is keen to press on.

He is eager to recruit players from around the country to develop at Sparsholt.

"My role is to scoop up the best players in our age range," said Benson. "We're looking for those players that may be late developing."

"We are looking to recruit players of all levels from the elite tier right through. We want to get players from the local community because there is a brilliant resource of players there, but also around the nation."

For school leavers looking for opportunities at the academy there are a number of trial days coming up.

Contact Neil Benson on 07860 150075 or email neil.benson@sparsholt.ac.uk.



SCHOOLS CALL: Charlie Gunson.

Non-league Football

FOLLANDS SKIPPER SAYS 'NO' TO SHOLING SWITCH

Barron stays for title fight

FOLLAND Sports skipper Jamie Barron has turned down overtures from Southern League outfit Sholing.

The Planemakers' midfielder is one of four players targeted by Sholing boss Dave Diaper, who has also lodged notice of approach for Ian Oliver (Wimborne Town), Oakley Hanger (Dorchester Town) and Michael Dixon (Andover Town).

But like teammate Matt Burt, who declined a move to Winchester City earlier in the season, Barron has decided to stay at Follands Park and see through the challenge for Sydenhams Premier honours.

The midfield general's influence shone through at Bemerton Heath Harlequins on Tuesday where Follands reignited their title push with a last-gasp 2-1 victory.

Barron scored the equaliser and then atoned for missing a penalty by supplying the cross from which Will Harris headed home the winner with around a minute to go.

Quizzed on Sholing's interest in Barron, Planemakers' assistant boss Dave Lewis was pleased to announce: "Jamie has decided to stay which is a real tonic for us."

"He's outstanding and pivotal to what we are trying to do."

"Burt (defender Matt Burt) has turned down Winchester City this



"Jamie has decided to stay which is a real tonic for us"

STAYING PUT: Folland Sports' Jamie Barron, left.

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season and now Jamie's turned down Sholing, who are another big club. It's great these players are so committed to us and believe in what we're doing as a football club.

"Jamie really is our 'Captain Marvel'."

"If things aren't going for him, he's the most devastated person there is. It shows how much he

cares and that's something he can be proud of.

"He's suspended for two games now and we're really going to miss him."

After drawing with Bournemouth Poppies and losing to Brockenhurst, Tuesday's result pushed Follands right back in the title mix, eight points behind joint leaders Moneyfields and Petersfield with two and one game(s) in hand respectively.

Lewis, taking charge in the absence of manager Danny Bowers, said: "I'm proud of the lads, it's the

best we've played for as long as I can remember."

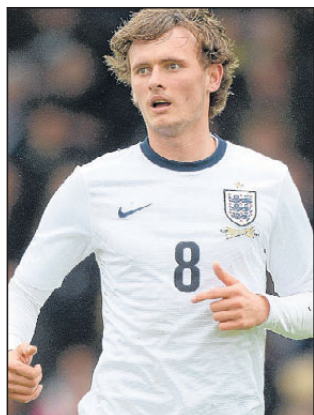
"I felt we did enough over the 90 minutes to deserve the win, but Bemerton will be devastated I'm sure to have lost to such a late goal."

"Will Harris is a holding midfielder and doesn't get too many goals and he was mobbed by our players!"

"After the results we'd had I wanted the lads to relax a bit more because sometimes the harder you try, the more it can undo you."

"I told them to just concentrate on their jobs, not get frustrated and to get the enjoyment back."

Tyro League starlet scores first Swindon goal



LEAGUE STRIKE: John Swift.

FORMER Southampton Tyro League starlet John Swift has made a fruitful start to his loan spell at Swindon Town.

The 19-year-old Chelsea midfielder scored his first goal for his temporary club in the Robins' 3-1 win over Chesterfield last Saturday and set up another for Andy Williams. On-loan Saint Jack Stephens had got the ball rolling by netting Swindon's opener.

Although Swift has progressed right through England's age-group teams, his story as a young pro is not one of a continuous upward curve.

An earlier loan spell at Championship side Rotherham was cut short due to lack of game time – and it was not the first

time Swift had suffered a career setback.

He was released twice by professional clubs as a youngster and had to return to playing in the Tyro League with Totton-based Pace Youth before getting a second stab at a pro career.

"I was at Portsmouth from a young age and I was at Chelsea before and I didn't get signed," Swift told the media after the Chesterfield game.

"I went to Sunday League and did my best there and luckily I got scouted. They (Chelsea) picked me up and took me to the training ground again. They decided to sign me and it was great for me and my family."

Asked if that period had made him a stronger character, Swift,

who grew up in Gosport, replied: "Definitely. When Portsmouth released me, my family was disappointed and I was disappointed, but to be honest I just wanted to play football."

"Once I got picked up by Chelsea I played once and signing for them was just amazing."

In light of what happened at Rotherham, Swift's aim for his time with League One high-fliers Swindon is understandably simple.

"I just want to be playing football. I don't want to be sitting on the bench and stuff like that, but that comes from my performances. I've got to show that I want to play in the team, I want to play in every game and that I want to play in every minute of every game."

Non-league News

Jam Boys beaten but unbowed

WHITCHURCH United gave a good account of themselves in Tuesday's Hampshire FA Senior Cup quarter-final at Farnborough.

Although they lost 2-0 to a side sitting three levels above them in the Conference South, Carl Bennett's, below, Sydenhams Premier underdogs were by no means overrun at PaddyPower Park.

Farnborough bossed the early stages, but it was the Jam Boys who mustered the first real effort on goal – ex-Romsey forward

Matt Austin testing home 'keeper

Ashley West with a volley from just outside the box.

The hosts, however, took a 39th-minute lead. There was an element of fortune in the build-up, but Amadeu Arnau Casana finished well with an angled shot into the far corner.

Farnborough probably should have had a penalty before the break when Ryan Lambert appeared to bring down Harry Grant, then it needed a decent save from West to deny Whitchurch an equaliser as Jamie Mansell curled a low shot around the wall from a free-kick.

The home side had another strong penalty claim turned down for Adam Pearson's challenge on Louie Theophanous, while Jam Boys 'keeper Brad Snelling made a good save with his legs to deny Duncan Culley.

Ex-Sholing man Mansell had Whitchurch's best chance of the game when the ball broke for him inside the area, but his effort was well tipped over by West.

Theophanous made the game safe for Boro two minutes from time, poking home from close-range after good work by Culley. It was his sixth goal in six games.

England tickets

ENGLAND Schools' under-18s will play Australia on February 4 in a friendly before games against Wales in late February, Northern Ireland on March 6 and Scotland in April as part of the Boys' Under-18 Centenary Shield.

Sparsholt College's Charlie Gunson (see story on facing page) is joined in the squad by Monty George and Jordan Storey, who both hail from the Salisbury area.

George was a goalkeeper with Salisbury in the Conference and with Bashley in the Southern League, while Storey is a centre-half in the Dorset Premier League.

Tickets for the Northern Ireland match at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium go on general sale from Monday, February 9, priced £8 seats (concessions £5) and £5 standing (concessions £3). For further information contact David Bailey on 01256 881517 or at mjlailey@btinternet.com.

Shocks galore in FA Cup

LEAGUE One Bradford served up one of the biggest shocks in FA Cup history as they hit back from two goals down to beat Chelsea 4-2 at Stamford Bridge.

And on an extraordinary day in the world's oldest knock-out competition, Manchester City were also left reeling by a 2-0 defeat at home to Championship Middlesbrough.

Former Boro winger Andy Halliday was the Bantams hero as he fired home from outside the box to give Phil Parkinson's men a stunning lead with eight minutes left in west London.

And when substitute Mark Yeates fired home deep into seven minutes of injury time, one of the most miraculous results in the history of the competition was complete.

The visitors' starting line-up cost the princely sum of £7,500 – paid to non-league Guiseley for James Hanson in 2009 – while the total fee for Chelsea's parade of stars almost reached £200million.

Jose Mourinho's men had won all 10 of their home Premier League games so far this term – but Bradford were undaunted and signalled their intentions early when Andrew Davies forced a point-blank save out of Petr Cech in the 14th minute.

There was no hint of the excitement to come when Gary Cahill put Chelsea in front on 21 minutes and Ramires made it two with an excellent strike.

But Jon Stead reduced the deficit before half-time and former Chelsea junior Filipe Morais grabbed a surprise equaliser on 75 minutes before the late drama.

Meanwhile in the north-west Aitor Karanka's Boro were fashioning a result of similar magnitude as goals from Patrick Bamford and Kike sunk Manuel Pellegrini's stars.

Boro keeper Tomas Mejias kept his side in the game with a series of stunning saves in the first half before Bamford – ironically on loan from Chelsea – put the visitors in front of 53 minutes.

Albert Adomah beat keeper Willy Caballero to a poor Fernando backpass and prodded the ball goalwards for Bamford to slide in with the follow-up.

And Boro completed their own improbable win in injury time when Kike was slipped through by Bamford and shot past Caballero. Late goals from Leonardo Ulloa and Jeffrey Schlupp saw Leicester hit back from behind to beat Tottenham 2-1 at White Hart Lane.

Non-league Football

THE FOOTBALL

LISTENING to one of Eastleigh's newest recruits talk about his past and his present, it is impossible to escape the remarkable strides made by this progressive club across the last two years.

Brian Howard has serious pedigree – and a real desire to play his football for his hometown club, writes **PAUL McNAMARA**.

Early in 2013, when the Spitfires plunged into the Conference South's relegation spots, that wish plainly wouldn't have been feasible.

Now, with the team on the fringes of the play-off spots in non-league's top division, the Conference Premier, it's a move that Howard says simply "makes sense".

Confirmation of Eastleigh's enhanced standing on football's landscape is emphasised on two different counts during a captivating conversation with a player who is clearly thrilled to be part of this unfolding Silverlake Stadium adventure.

First, the credentials of the man enticed to the Silverlake at the start of this year bear up to the keenest of scrutiny.

That much is proved by the cast of global superstars the Winchester-born midfielder reels off as he reflects on the finest players he has faced throughout a career littered with tales of incredible highs and some significant lows.

Second, there is a discussion that features the recalling of battles with Carlos Tevez, Javier Mascherano and Steven Gerrard.

And even Cristiano Ronaldo, whom Howard encountered when playing for England's under-20 side against Portugal at the 2003 Toulon Tournament.

"I hadn't even heard of him before. After the game I phoned up everyone back home and said 'Get on this lad, he will be the best player in the world.' He was the best (I've played against) by far."

Howard also eulogises about his new team-mates with no less excitement than was reserved for his appraisal of the Portuguese, right, recently crowned as FIFA's World Player of the Year.

More specifically, the former Southampton trainee is enthusing about the "first-class" training session that he was involved in earli-

NEW RECRUIT: Brian Howard (right) is thrilled to be part of the Silverlake adventure.

BELOW: Brian was quick to spot Cristiano Ronaldo's ability

er in the day.

"We were out there training this morning and the boys were first-class. Because we're buzzing, everyone's buzzing, the ball is zipped around at a fast-pace, one-tuos, one-tuos..."

"There's some really, really talented boys here."

"I think, if we did make the jump into the (Football) league, the gaffer would only

need to sprinkle a few extra bodies about the place.

"I don't want to be here, after being in the building for two weeks, saying 'we're going to get promoted' – but we've got every opportunity to get in the play-offs."

Howard, as it happens, is something of a specialist when it comes to those riveting end-of-sea-

son promotion contests.

Indeed, his first year of regular first-team action (2003/2004), with Swindon Town, culminated with the Robins suffering a gut-wrenching penalty shoot-out defeat by Brighton & Hove Albion in the Division 2 (now League 1) play-off semi-final.

The experience, though, was all part of the making of a player who, but for a seismic turn of events in west London 12 years ago, could have plotted a very different course through the football world.

"I think any player you ask, the first experience of being involved in first-team football is great.

"We had a great team (at



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Swindon) with a great spirit.

"It was similar to how it is here - a great bunch of lads, who want to achieve something together.

"We had some very good players at that level and we should have gone up. 124th minute equaliser (scored by Brighton in the semi-final) - lost on pens (that's how close we came).

"That followed onto next season. The money then dries up, because you have a go to get up. Players leave. We started to not be paid on time. We were being paid by cheque, but weeks late.

"Come the end of that season, it wasn't great.

"People were leaving and we weren't getting paid so it was diffi-

cult."

If Howard had taken one of the alternative options available to him in 2003 when he decided to leave Southampton - "because I wouldn't have been in the first-team plans. For me it was a no-brainer to get off, get elsewhere and play games. At 20 you need to be playing first-team football" - then cash would certainly not have been an issue.

"There was a local lad (from Southampton) called Joe Keenan, who was playing in the England youth team (and for Chelsea).

"He called me up and said 'I've heard you might be available. The guys at Chelsea really like you. Can you come in?'"

"I went in and did very well there. There was a deal offered but, again, I wasn't going to play.

"Given that, I might as well have just pushed for a new deal at Saints."

An individual with an ingrained degree of self-confidence, there was nevertheless good reason why Howard went cold on his chances of breaking into the first-team frame at Stamford Bridge.

After the then 20-year-old had spent three months training with the Blues towards the end of 2002/2003, Chelsea, in a stroke, went and changed the face of the English game.

"I went away to the Toulon tournament, played games for

England under 20's and, while I was out there, (Roman) Abramovich took over at Chelsea.

"He signed (Juan Sebastian) Veron, Joe Cole and others.

"At the time (when Howard initially trained with the club) Chelsea, and people won't believe it now, had no money.

"They wanted young, hungry British talent and they were going to push them through and give them a chance."

On the eve of a 2008 FA Cup quarter final for Barnsley against a Chelsea outfit who by then had won two Premier League titles, Howard was asked to consider if choosing Swindon ahead of the London-based giants five years earlier had been the right call.

His reply suggested that this was a footballer living with an element of doubt, sewn into a corner of his mind.

"There have been occasions, when things weren't going so well, when I've asked myself whether my choices have been right."

Today, with the benefit of a further seven years' accumulated wisdom, this is a man free of regret.

"I'm comfortable now. There was always a time when you look back, but I'm of an age now when you don't regret anything.

"At the time it was what I wanted, otherwise I wouldn't have done it. That's the way you've got to look at life. There's no point in regretting things.

"Have I made some poor choices? Yes. No doubt about it, but - get on with it. That goes for life, not just football."

Returning to Howard's departure from St Mary's, there is no sense of bitterness towards a club for whom he still harbours a great deal of affection.

Gratitude, in fact, would be a more accurate word to describe the 32 year-old's feelings about his time at Saints.

"I had a fantastic time there. I was there from 9 or 10 years old. It was a massive part of my development.

"Stewart Henderson (who, before he left in 2010, was credited with a big role in bringing through the likes of Theo Walcott, Gareth Bale and Adam Lallana) scouted me, took me right the way through and was reserve team coach when I left, so he helped me with my

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Cambridge head coach defends Abbey pitch

Cambridge head coach Richard Money has defended the Abbey Stadium pitch after it was criticised by Louis van Gaal.

Manchester United's boss said "every aspect of the match is against us" after his men were held to a 0-0 FA Cup draw by the League Two side on Friday night.

It was a tough evening for the three-time European champions and they must face the underdogs again for the right to make the fifth round.

They will do so on their home turf, though, rather than on a pitch which Van Gaal was critical of.

"We have to come here, the pitch is not so good, but that can influence also that you play in another playing style," he said.

"The opponents are always giving a lot more than nor-



CRITICAL: Louis van Gaal

mally. And defending is always easier than attacking.

"Then you have seen the referee (Chris Foy). It's always the same. Everywhere I have coached these games - and I have coached them also with other clubs - it's always the same."

But Money stood firm about his club's facilities when asked this morning.

"We don't have the money to spend on the pitch to make it as it is at Old Trafford or anywhere else," he told BBC 5 Live.

"The groundsman did a fantastic job to keep it in the condition it was. Yes it broke up a little bit but it's the same for both teams, I have to say that."

Money said he had no dealings with Van Gaal after the match.

"The media commitments were ridiculous so I didn't get a chance to chat to any of their staff afterwards," he added.

"I know Ryan Giggs came into the coaching room with one or two members of staff and was very complimentary so that was nice."

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Swansea tumble out of FA Cup

RUDY Gestede showed why he is reported to be interesting a number of Premier League sides with the crucial goal as Blackburn sent nine-man Swansea tumbling out of the FA Cup in the fourth round.

Kyle Bartley was sent off in only the seventh minute for a denying a clear goalscoring opportunity but Gylfi Sigurdsson put the 10 men ahead in the 21st minute with a glorious strike.

However, Rovers levelled two minutes later through Chris Taylor and substitute Gestede, formerly of Cardiff, put the hosts ahead with 12 minutes left. There were fewer than 6,000 fans at Ewood Park but they went home happy after Craig Conway made it 3-1 in the 89th minute.

And there was still a sting in the tail to come for Swansea as Sigurdsson showed his frustration with a reckless lunge at Taylor to become the second visiting player sent off.

Both teams made changes, with Swansea boss Garry Monk naming only six of the same side that were hammered by Chelsea last weekend and leaving new signing Kyle Naughton on the bench. The Blackburn side featured six changes and their fans may have wondered where the goals were going to come from with Gestede and Jordan Rhodes only among the substitutes.

But Josh King set about ensuring the pair were not missed early on and his pace was crucial in Bartley seeing red.

Mixed bag for ladies

A mixed bag for Southampton Saints Girls and Ladies FC this week. Their Ladies produced a 3-0 win against Fleet Town and currently lie 2nd in the FA Womens Premiership SW Div 1.

Elsewhere Saints U12s, playing up a year, produced some ice cold finishing on a frosty morning to beat Wyvern U13s 6-0 with goals from Francesca Manson and five by Larissa White.

The U12s have not dropped any points this season and sit top of the U13 Winchester and District league.

Saints U18s lost 1-0 against Corfe Mullen however Saints U14s beat their U14s 4-3 in a nail biter of Cup penalty shoot out.

The U15s lost 4-0 against Merleigh but on the upside Saints U14s had a convincing 7-1 win against Bishops Waltham.

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development right the way through. "I'm sure, if it wasn't for Stewart, I wouldn't have gone on and had the career that I have.

"I have some great memories from my time there and it's great to see the way that the club has developed now.

"My young cousin Matthew Targett has broken through into the first-team, so I pay a lot of attention to what happens there.

"I live quite near Marchwood (the location for Saints' training base) so I get myself out there a lot and I've got a lot of connections still with the club. I'm thankful for the start they gave me in my career."

Ready to 'go elsewhere and better myself', after two seasons of producing consistently high-quality output at Swindon, the aspirational 22-year-old Howard plumped for a move to Barnsley in the summer of 2005.

The switch to Yorkshire would bring his name to the attention of the wider world, and herald a period of his life that the player looks back on more fondly than any other.

In that respect, he is the same as his new Spitfires colleague Paul Reid who, without hesitation when quizzed on the subject last year, described his time at Oakwell as "one hundred per cent" the favourite part of his career.

"Fantastic time," recalled Howard. "I was at Reidy's wedding in the summer and all the old Barnsley lads were there. It was the first time we'd all been together since we left. "We all agreed, of all the clubs we've been at since, you'll never get a bunch of lads like that together again.

"At the time we were nearly all aged between twenty and twenty-three. Even the experienced lads, like Stephen McPhail, were 26.

"We did everything together – probably too much off the pitch that we shouldn't have!

"But, because we did everything off the pitch together, you'll run through a brick wall for your mate on a Saturday afternoon.

"It's amazing, the effect that can have.

"It was our work-ethic and team-spirit that got us up that year – even though we did have a talented team."

Barnsley's promotion into the Championship in 2006 afforded Howard a much happier brush with the play-off experience; the Tykes overcoming Swansea City after a penalty shoot-out in a Millennium Stadium final.

A bona fide club legend, Howard recalls with compelling detail that achievement, as well as others, such as drilling in a late right-footed winner in November 2006 against white rose county rivals Leeds United and contributing heavily, with his goals and midfield scheming, to Barnsley retaining their second-tier status in both 2007 and 2008.



GREATEST GOAL: Brian Howard fires Barnsley's FA Cup winner at Anfield seven years ago.



CUP OF CHEER: Brian Howard after Barnsley's FA Cup win at Liverpool.

Those, however, are deeds for the club diehards, days that the Barnsley faithful will cling to in their dotage.

For the rank and file football fan, Howard's and Barnsley's name will always be synonymous with those 2008 FA Cup exploits, the feats that resulted in the then 24-year-old discussing his already storied career in a national broadsheet newspaper – prior to winning that quarter-final tie against Chelsea 1-0.

A round previous, Howard scored the goal that put his name up in lights, the 93rd minute winner in front of Liverpool's Kop End that caused him to say in that interview with the *Independent*: "You score one at Liverpool and everyone knows you."

It could be a bone of contention,

that one swing of his cultured left-foot is destined to be the singular moment for which he is remembered, given that

Howard has been setting the bar high since he was a teenager.

It was in 1999, playing at Wembley for England's under-16 side, that Howard crossed paths with Tevez and Mascherano.

He would play against the latter again, for Saints against River Plate in a youth tournament in Chile – "He was outstanding that day."

Tevez, of who Howard says he instantly thought "Yes, he's going to be something" scored Argentina's lone goal in a 2-1 win for the Three Lions in that international clash.

Howard curled in his country's first direct from a corner.

A serial achiever, Howard will nevertheless be perfectly at ease if his Anfield escapades come to headline his footballing epitaph.

"It's something that I'm hugely

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MEMORABLE: Brian Howard celebrates after Barnsley's famous FA Cup win at Anfield in 2008.

proud of. My mum, my dad, who's passed away now, and my brother were all at the game. My dad was a tough Glaswegian guy – he grew up in Glasgow in the sixties – and it brought him to tears.

"If people remember me for that (it's great).

"I scored 14 goals that year and got into the Championship team of the year voted by my fellow professionals, while playing for a side that just stayed up (Barnsley finished 18th, three points above the relegation zone). I remember talking to Chris Powell, who was PFA Chairman at the time, and he said 'That just doesn't happen.'

'Massive highs and massive lows' is a phrase that this most candid of footballers often returns to.

It is especially pertinent when

describing how the elation of seeing off Liverpool and Chelsea in the world's greatest domestic cup competition was swiftly followed by semi-final defeat at Wembley against Cardiff City, a slightly rancorous parting of the ways with his beloved Barnsley, and more heart-break at the national stadium in

2009, losing to Burnley with Sheffield United in the Championship play-off final.

"That's when it got a bit messy (at the end of season 2007/2008). Bids

came in, but the club wanted more money than was being offered.

"I only had a year left on my deal and I was 24, so I could have gone as a free agent.

"There were offers on the table that I wish had come in the summer, but they didn't and I ended up staying for the start of the season (2008/2009). I started ok, but it wasn't the same because of what had happened off the pitch.

"I ended up getting the move to Sheffield United.

"The first year there was great. We got to the play-off final but, when we didn't go up, the parachute payments had dried up, so players left the club.

"An offer came in from Reading (early in 2009/10) and it just made sense to come back south.

"It was another massive club with ambitions to go up. As soon as I spoke to Brendan (Rodgers, then in charge at Reading) on the phone it was a no-brainer. He is still, to this day, the best coach or manager that I have worked with."

The lows that came with losing an FA Cup semi-final and, even more so, the play-off final with Sheffield United, were prolonged because of the ensuing summer off.

Howard, though, has learned to abide by his own rules, which could be borrowed from Rudyard Kipling, designed to keep himself grounded.

"To lose both of those (the FA Cup semi-final and play-off final), I didn't have two of the best games of my career in those matches, you experience the lows and start to blame yourself.

"You have the whole summer off then - your holidays with your family, and you sit there thinking: 'What if, what if?'

"The main thing with football is, to be successful, you have to remain level.

"When it goes well, stay level.

"When it goes bad, stay level. People around you can enjoy the highs and lows, but if you end up doing that you'd just get so high, and then so low."

The twin impostors were still at play during Howard's three years at the Madejski Stadium – time which included, late in 2011, a three-month loan spell at Millwall, where a permanent deal couldn't be agreed.

There was another run to the last eight of the FA Cup, with a second personally fruitful trip to Merseyside featuring along the way.

Howard came on as a substitute with his Reading team trailing Liverpool in a January 2010 3rd round replay to continue his love affair with Anfield, as Brian McDermott's team overturned their one goal deficit to win 2-1.

Continued next week.

Did You Know?

On This Day In Sport:
January 24

1948: The BBC televised their first steeplechase horse race, with Sandown Park the venue.

1982: The San Francisco 49ers beat the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21 to win Super Bowl XVI. It was the first of a record-equalling five wins for the 49ers, who dominated American football in the 1980s.

1992: Monica Seles, then of Yugoslavia, won her second successive Australian Open title when she beat American Mary-Jo Fernandez 6-2 6-3.

2000: Rivaldo was voted FIFA's World Player of the Year ahead of David Beckham and Gabriel Batistuta.

2005: Former England captain Martin Johnson announced his retirement from all competitive rugby.

2007: Wales midfielder Simon Davies completed a move from Everton to Fulham for an undisclosed fee, ending an 18-month spell at Goodison Park.

2011: Sky Sports presenters Richard Keys and Andy Gray were stood down from duty following comments about referee's assistant Sian Massey. Gray was later sacked from his role with the broadcaster, with Keys resigning soon afterwards.

2012: Cardiff beat Leicester 3-1 on penalties to reach the Carling Cup final, where the Welsh club would lose – also on spot-kicks – to Liverpool.

2013: Veteran Everton defender Sylvain Distin signed a one-year contract extension.

2014: Spanish midfielder Juan Mata travelled to Manchester United to undergo a medical ahead of his £37.1million transfer from Chelsea.

Birthdays:

Ben Clarke (rugby union) - former England back-rower, who toured with the Lions in 1993, born 1968.

Mary Lou Retton (gymnastics) - won five medals including one gold at the 1984 Olympics, born 1968.

Neil Johnson (cricket) - former Zimbabwe all-rounder, born 1970.

Shaun Maloney (soccer) - Wigan's former Celtic winger, born 1983.

Scott Speed (motor racing) - former Formula One driver for Toro Rosso, born 1983.

Michael Kightly (soccer) - former England Under-21 winger, currently at Burnley, born 1986.

Luis Suarez (soccer) - Barcelona and Uruguay striker, formerly with Liverpool, born 1987.

Samba Diakite (soccer) - Mali midfielder, on loan from QPR at Ittihad FC, born 1989.

Ki Sung-yueng (soccer) - Swansea's South Korean midfielder, born 1989.

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Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Bursledon	8	6	1	1	42	9	19
KRL	8	6	0	2	41	13	18
AFC West End	8	5	1	2	24	9	16
Hamble Roll Call	5	5	0	0	22	4	15
Sholing United	6	3	0	3	18	19	9
Cricketers Arms	9	3	0	6	25	28	9
Yacht Tavern	8	3	0	5	19	23	9
Bush Hill & NH	4	1	0	3	10	18	3
Aldermoor United	10	0	0	10	7	85	0

Junior Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice House	9	7	0	2	41	23	21
Glen	12	6	0	6	45	35	18
AFC Riverside	9	5	1	3	21	17	16
Titans	6	4	1	1	18	9	13
Landguard Rovers	9	4	1	4	34	27	13
Sky Blues	10	4	0	6	23	40	12
Chamberlayne Athl	10	3	1	6	20	24	10
AFC Portsmouth	6	3	0	3	20	27	9
RS Ocean Village	6	2	0	4	15	22	6
Chartwell Green	7	1	2	4	13	26	5

Junior Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S & D Youth	12	7	1	4	39	36	22
Itchen Saints	7	6	1	0	38	9	19
Hamble Roll Call Res	9	5	2	2	32	16	17
Testlands	7	5	0	2	26	10	15
Boyatt Wood Wndrs	6	3	1	2	16	16	10
Phoenix AFC	7	3	0	4	14	25	9
Lokomotive Eastleigh	8	2	2	4	17	22	8
LH Galaxy	10	0	3	7	13	33	3
Athletico Tin Hut	6	0	0	6	8	36	0

Junior Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End Athletic	8	8	0	0	58	10	24
Trant	9	7	0	2	45	13	21
Test Valley Spartans	8	5	0	3	24	25	15
AFC Bishopstoke	7	3	1	3	16	20	10
Young Boys 93/4	5	3	0	2	19	13	9
AFC Velmere	6	2	0	4	14	18	6
Bishops	6	2	0	4	16	28	6
Fleming Sports	9	1	1	7	16	40	4
Chartwell Green Res	8	1	0	7	9	50	3

Junior Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marchwood Rangers	13	9	1	3	44	26	28
Shellside	8	5	0	3	43	30	15
AFC Southbrook	8	5	0	3	29	21	15
Durley	9	4	3	2	24	17	15
Carnival UK	8	4	1	3	36	26	13
Eastpoint	8	4	1	3	25	31	13
King George	6	4	0	2	20	15	12
Holbury United	11	3	0	8	31	43	9
Royale Marine	7	1	1	5	14	21	4
Otter Sunday	8	0	1	7	9	45	1

Junior Division Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brook Park Sports	9	7	0	2	46	12	21
Dorchester Arms	8	7	0	1	40	9	21
Portsmouth United	13	5	3	5	38	25	18
Sholing Monks	8	6	0	2	32	22	18
Curbridge	7	5	1	1	28	6	16
Bitterne Ducks	10	5	1	4	33	33	16
Burridge AFC	7	3	1	3	22	14	10
Itchen Albion	8	2	0	6	10	36	6
Portside	4	1	0	3	5	8	3
St Minions	7	1	0	6	15	50	3
Soton SeaHawks	9	0	0	9	5	59	0

Junior Division Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netley Royals	11	9	1	1	38	22	28
Mottisfont	8	8	0	0	55	6	24
Hunters Inn	10	8	0	2	41	10	24
Fawley RBL	8	6	1	1	39	17	19
JSC	10	3	0	7	17	28	9
Sporting Compass	9	2	2	5	17	36	8
AFC Spitfire	8	2	1	5	16	27	7
Unity	8	2	1	5	14	28	7
AFC Phoenix	8	1	1	6	13	30	4
Bannister Park	10	0	1	9	8	54	1

Junior Division Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	10	9	1	0	78	5	28
Portsmouth United R	12	8	1	3	55	26	25
Dorchester Manor	9	6	0	3	40	21	18
AFC Bishopstoke Res	8	5	1	2	33	16	16
Woodside AFC	11	4	1	6	24	49	13
Lyndhurst Junior FC	5	4	0	1	30	8	12
Netley RBL	9	3	0	6	28	29	9
Chamberlayne Ath R	11	2	2	7	17	73	8
AFC Carnival	10	2	1	7	16	56	7
Testwood Tornados	9	0	1	8	14	52	1

PERFECT START FOR TRAYNOR

HAMWORTHY United staged a stirring second-half fightback to deliver victory in Shane Traynor's first game in permanent charge.

Traynor had presided over wins against Whitchurch and Bournemouth Poppies on a caretaker basis and his Midas touch continued as the Hammers nailed Newport IoW 3-2 at the County Ground last Saturday.

United did it the hard way, coming back from 2-0 down after Iain Seabrook and Aiden Sainsbury had struck either of the break for the Islanders.

Sam Carr halved the deficit with a far-post finish before late goals from Paddy Hester and Aaron Corby completed a hat-trick of Sydenhams Premier wins under Traynor's guidance.

"It was a great reaction after going 2-0 down against a well-organised team," said the new boss.

"The players showed determination and belief that they could go on and win the game."

Traynor, 36, spent two-and-a-half years as a youth coach at AFC Bournemouth and was appointed Hamworthy's reserve team manager at the start of this season. He is being assisted at The County Ground by Jeff Taylor, his right-hand man with United's Dorset Premier League side.



LEVELLER: Paddy Hester, left, scored for Hamworthy in the Sydenhams Premier match against Newport IoW.

SAINSBURY'S MEN PUT LEAGUE STRUGGLES BEHIND THEM

AFTER a difficult start to life at the helm of Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League outfit QK Southampton, manager Mark Sainsbury believes that his team have turned the corner.

It was the reverse fixture against today's opponents, Overton United, in September that marked Sainsbury's first game in charge after ex-boss Danny Barker departed the club to restart his playing career at Sydenhams Premier high fliers Whitchurch, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

That day the former AFC Stoneham coach, who was promoted to the helm after originally arriving as assistant to Barker, struggled to put a team together and QK were about to embark on a drab run of seven consecutive defeats.

The ambitious club, who harbour eventual plans to get promoted to

the Sydenhams League, hit rock-bottom with just eight points to their name after 13 games.

"We sat them down after seven defeats in a row," said Sainsbury. "At that point we knew we couldn't feel sorry for ourselves any more, we needed to pick ourselves and up prove that we can compete at this level."

"It was all about building a bit of positivity - getting in that winning mindset. Something needed to change."

Alongside Glen Judd, who is now assistant manager, Sainsbury set about changing the club's fortunes. Ten games later QK sit 13th in Hampshire Premier League and the young side are starting to show their potential.

"The turning point came against Clanfield," said Sainsbury. "That

was a massive game for us.

"At half-time we were 3-1 up and we went on to win 4-2."

"That result meant everything to us. It was that break we needed and we've built on that since."

With fresh impetus streaming through the side, QK then travelled to Locks Heath and beat them 4-0.

"At Locks Heath, I took the *Sports Pink* article that had been written with the Locks Heath manager," the boss said. "I used that article and pinned it on the wall."

"In it it said that the only two teams worse than Locks Heath were us and Liss Athletic. I told the team that and it spurred them on."

With a mixture of Wessex quality in Conor McCarthy, Sayem Kabir,

Kevin Betlem, Pete Walker and Robbie Henderson and a host of promising youngsters talent, the QK team, which has an average of around 20-years-old, are in confident spirits.

"This, in all my experience, is the tightest knit changing room I've seen," said Sainsbury. "We're already looking to next season to show what we can really do, which is to challenge in the top six."

"We want to finish respectably this season but also upset the top end of the table. 'Next year you'll start to see the real QK but we want to try and trouble the likes of Baffins, Hamble and Stoneham."

"I think Hamble will win the league, they're so strong."

"I've got a lot of respect for what Stoneham are doing - they wanted to get to the Wessex and Adam has pulled in more experienced players to make that happen."

"But I want to challenge them, the league is too top heavy at the moment."

"We knew we couldn't feel sorry for ourselves any more"

Youth Football

Heath left Down and out by Kings' hotshot



JACK DOWN

KINGS' of Winchester are lording it in the English Schools' FA Under-15 PlayStation Cup, with their boys' and girls' teams enjoying more goal scoring exploits in the national competitions.

A 7-1 win over Little Heath, from Reading, has put Kings' boys' in the last 16, the reward for which is another home tie, this time against Devonport, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

King's girls' team just can't stop scoring goals. Having nailed 32 in their opening four games, they thrashed Worle Community School, from North Somerset, 10-1 to set up a tasty quarter-final tie with Didcot, who have twice lifted the trophy in the past.

A four-goal salvo by Jack Down and a hat-trick by Jo Sutherden

swept Kings' boys to a 7-1 win over Berkshire's Little Heath.

Ironically, Kings' found themselves trailing at half-time to a Little Heath penalty – but sent their Berkshire visitors reeling with a seven-goal second-half blitz.

Little Ben Parkinson, who had a fine game in midfield, set up the equaliser for Jack Down, who went on to complete a quick-fire hat-trick, his third goal a simple tap-in after Dan Holt's shot was parried.

Down's hat-trick completely changed the game, Kings' playing with a real swagger – Sutherden diving at the far post to head the fourth from a James Pike cross.

Sutherden made it 5-1 with a low angled shot.

There was no stopping Kings' now as Sutherden completed his hat-trick and Jack Down rapped things up with a fourth to give the Winchester side a 7-1 win.

"Although the scoreline ended up 7-1 in our favour, for long periods of the game Kings' had to work very hard to overcome Little Heath and whilst their excellent passing football deserved to get them goals, the final score did not necessarily reflect the competitiveness of the game," coach Chris Marwood said.

Despite missing two key players through injury, Kings' were too strong for the Worle, who found themselves two down inside the opening five minutes.

Alice Nichols got them both – the second a glancing header from a corner – before Kate Wiseman, Stella Gandee Morgan and Suhaylah Jones heaped more misery on the visitors.

Kings' movement and accurate passing repeatedly cut through a static Worle defence.

Worle started the second half with real intent, looking to use their

speed to get on to long balls over the Kings' defenders but, with the exception of a well taken goal within five minutes, the new central defensive pairing of Hannah Holloway and Lauren Harper dealt calmly with everything.

Having weathered the storm, Kings' took control of the game again, scoring five more times, including a hat-trick goal for Nichols.

Wiseman, Gandee-Morgan, Jones and Molly Williams completed the rout, the latter scoring her first goal of the campaign – a deserved reward for her efforts on the left of midfield.

Commenting on the team's performance, Kings' coach Stuart Simpson said: "This is undoubtedly a stronger team than last year – individual technique, work-rate, fitness have all improved but most of all they are starting to work much, much better as a team."

Bosanquet fires Font into semis

MATT Bosanquet has notched an incredible ten goals in two games for City of Southampton Sunday League Junior 6 high fliers Mottisfont.

Last time out, he netted six times as the Font beat Junior 4 side Holbury United 7-1 in the Southampton Junior A Cup. Sam Piper was also on target, while Billy Drever scored a second-half consolation.

Bosanquet has now taken his tally to 52 goals in 17 league and cup appearances this term. His total includes nine hat-tricks.

The result put Mottisfont through to the semi-final of the competition where they'll have to remain patient to discover their opposition after the other three last-eight games were postponed.

In the only other two matches in a weather-hit fixture list, Netley Royals pulled four points clear at the top of Junior 6 with a 6-2 battering of third place Hunters Inn.

Matt Stride helped his side stroll to victory with a hat-trick, while Connor Ghosh struck twice and Charlie Best got the other.

That puts Royals further ahead of Mottisfont, who are four points behind but with three games in hand.

Jack Solloway and Ross Hall hit one each after the break in response for Hunters.

In the only other game, Portwood United Reserves solidified second place in Junior 7 with a 5-0 thrashing of mid-table Woodside AFC.

Hayden Lamb scored from the spot, while Nathan Jennings, Brandon Shepherd, Cameron Roach and Jerome O'Brien bagged one each.

That result extends Portwood's winning streak to four games as they look to put pressure of runaway leaders AFC Waterside.

Colleges sharpen up shooting skills

BARTON Peveril and Itchen have sharpened their shooting skills in readiness for next Wednesday's Peter Munro Cup semi-finals.

BP whipped struggling Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League rivals Totton 5-1, while Itchen thrashed Alton 7-2.

Goal ace Ben Gurman (2), Matt Bainbridge, Richard Burton and Jima-Otero were on target for Barton Peveril, who face a stern semi-final test at Farnborough, who edged out Queen Mary's 4-3.

Top scorer Cameron Hogg opened the Boro' scoring when he lobbed the QMC keeper from 20 yards.

Queen Mary's immediately grabbed two quick goals both from corners, but Louie Paget levelled the scoring midway through the second half before putting Farnborough back in the lead after finishing off a long through ball to make it 3-2 at half time.

Tom Hawes gave Farnborough a two-goal advantage after 65 minutes when he cut in from the left and curled past the 'keeper.

But QMC refused to lie down and got a third from a crossed free kick which kept the game alive.

Itchen, who visit Andover in the semis, overwhelmed Alton in the mud at Middle Road, where Jack Burrows struck after only five minutes.

Itchen doubled their advantage through Braydon



GOAL ACE: Ben Gurman (left) in action.

Douglas, with a 30-yard screamer, but although the play was virtually confined to the visitors' half, Alton broke away to cut the gap.

His Andover hoodoo seemingly behind him, Matt Casey made it 3-1 at half-time with a sublime overhead kick.

Confidence soaring, Casey

joined Burrows on the early second half scoring as Itchen stretched their lead to 5-1.

Callum Williams made it six before Sam Steel notched his first goal in Itchen's blue shirts.

Sam's strike gave him the family bragging rights over elder sibling brother Joe, now at university, who was

unable to get his name on the Itchen score-sheet in three seasons for the first team!

Table toppers South Downs salvaged a 2-2 draw against Peter Symonds College, who swept into a 2-0 interval lead.

Sam Aston followed in his penalty fluff to get South Downs back in the game, while Will Ford came off the bench to grab an equaliser.

Peter Symonds might well have won it but for a missed second half penalty.

Bournemouth & Poole at long last had something to shout about as they beat Havant 5-2 – having trailed 2-1 at the break.

Oscar Bircham's penalty brought BPC their initial leveller, but two minutes into the second half Ollie Yeaden made it 2-2 after a mazy run.

Three BPC goals in ten minutes – Bircham scored two more to complete his hat-trick – settled affairs, Arya Farshad scoring the fifth.

"The boys kept their cool and showed great character to come from behind twice," said BPC coach Matt Brown.

"We have just been falling short in games, but hopefully this will give everyone a confidence boost to put a run of results together."

Poole Grammar were without a HCL game, but progressed to the semi-finals of the Dorset Schools Cup with a 1-0 win over Bournemouth – Alex Martin scoring the winner.



BRAYDON DOUGLAS

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BOOK of the WEEK

The Official British Army Fitness Guide
By Sam Murphy

(Sports book of the month price: £10.39)

IT'S difficult enough to stay fit, but attempting to regain a level of fitness last enjoyed in your youth is doubly so.

Readers who started the year with good intentions but have since lapsed, should go out and buy this official Army fitness guide.

There are dozens of fitness-related books, although many are either celeb-led tomes with something to sell via a television tie-in, or are not much use for anyone wanting to focus on the three fitness basics: cardiovascular exercise, strength training and flexibility. As might be expected, the Army concentrates on all three.

There are no gimmicks, or shortcuts and most refreshingly, the Army has no product to sell.

We all know that when it comes to achieving fitness, there are very few secrets: commitment and effort are, however, prerequisites.

Readers are not expected to run for miles through deep mud wearing heavy boots while carrying half a dozen bricks in a rucksack. There is, however, plenty of running involved in a programme which build fitness levels progressively.

Large photographs provide details of each exercise.

They're peppered with useful advice and a selection of pre- and post-training exercises. Make it to the end of the programme (it lasts 36 weeks) and you will be 'army fit'.

Do not despair if you've become a couch potato – there's a four-week, introductory conditioning regime which prepares readers for the first stage of the programme proper. All it requires now is commitment and effort...

● We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of the Official British Army Fitness Guide to give away.

To win this fantastic prize, go to their website (www.sports-bookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question: What is the ideal average speed (in mph) at which an adult male should walk?



WARNE WAS A

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CRICKET REPORTER



AS HAMPSHIRE captain Jimmy Adams embarks on his benefit year, he admits the four seasons under Shane Warne's leadership were a defining period in his 13-year career.

Adams was not part of the team that won the 2005 C & G Trophy - Hampshire's only silverware from 2004-07 - but Warne's impact helped mould him into the player he is today.

He first came across Warne during the Australian's first season with the county, the last at Northlands Road in 2000.

Hampshire's home for 116 years – a five-minute walk from The Dell and Southampton Common – was a very different place to the 21st century Ageas Bowl.

As a boy, Adams can recall watching a Will Kendall double century there and "Adie Aymes standing miles back to Nixon McLean!"

It was also where he made his first century for Hampshire's 2nds, against Somerset in 1999.

"It would have been nice to have played there for the first team," he says.

"As 12th man I remember [Hampshire Cricket secretary] Tim Tremlett telling me to remember to knock on the changing room door after putting my bags down in the 'dungeon' where the second team trained.

Privileged

"There was something nice about that tradition, it made me feel privileged to go up there – not that I'd instil it now!"

It was this environment into which Warne arrived to great fanfare, when Adams was still in his teens.

"When I was 12th manning with Warney bowling I remember thinking 'please don't let the ball come to me!'"

"Then it did. I had half-spikes on and slipped on the outfield! That was my first rocket from him, asking why I was wearing those shoes, or words to that effect.

"I would have brought him up a cheese sandwich and pack of fags at some point!"

Adams was midway through a human biology degree at Loughborough University when Warne returned as captain in 2004.

It was under Warne that Adams

made what he describes as his "seminal" century – the epic 168 not out that ensured Hampshire chased down 404 against Yorkshire at Headingley in June 2006.

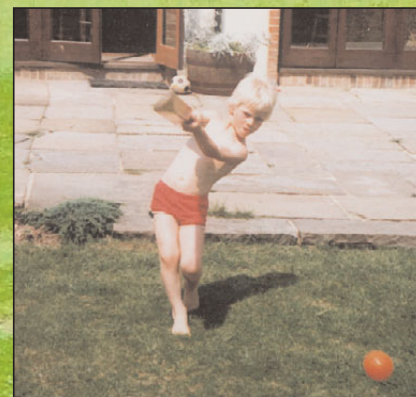
"You couldn't help but love that period," he said. "I spent many overs under the helmet listening to him as batters toiled away. It was a great time.

"Warney's an amazing character. He has super strengths and areas where he was fallible and that was nice in a way.

"He's a sporting great but human. There was all sorts going on and off the field!

"What always struck me was the amazing core principles that he stuck to.

"He would always say 'manners are free'. In a weird way, coming from a brash Aussie, that was quite interesting.



"There were a fair few things people would disagree with but a lot of things he got right.

"He was by no means perfect but I've never seen someone so diligent in terms of giving time to people.

"He always found time to do it and that stuck with me."

Those who saw Warne patiently respond to endless autographs will testify to that. "I thought if he's got time to do that, then all of us have got the time to do that," continues Adams.

"He was tough which is what we needed and partly why the club made such a big push to get him back.

"He wasn't a miracle cure, there were still some tough times.

"But he filled people with a little extra belief. He wasn't the greatest netter but he expected people to prep and make sure they were ready even if his prep was different to ours!

"He helped change the culture of the club for a lot better. He was a very big influence in terms of how to approach the game. They were good times."

There have been many other significant influences on Jimmy's career, not least his parents, Mike and Jenny.

"Dad's a grain trader, originally from Kent, and mum's from a farming family near Itchen Abbas," continues the 34 year-old, who has three younger siblings; Ben, Georgie and Tom.

"I'm very lucky, our family's always been stable and solid which has been a huge help, it's one less thing on your mind.

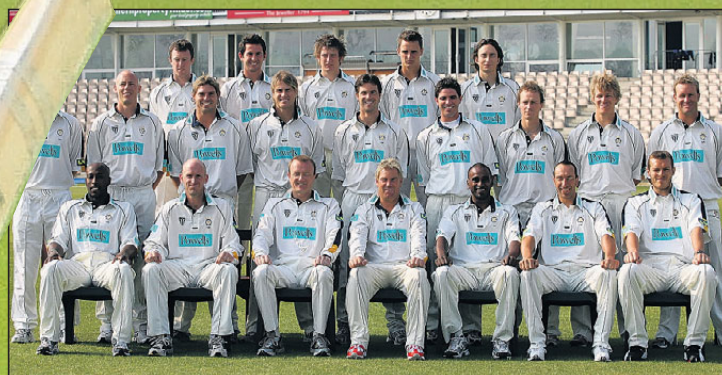
"They're always happy to listen if I have a whinge. They gave up summer holidays to ferry us around – we'd have missed half the fixtures if we had a two-week holi-

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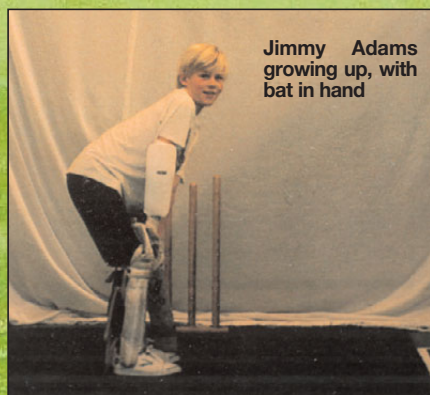
BIG INFLUENCE



Jimmy Adams (middle row second from right) and Shane Warne (front row centre) in the Hampshire team line-up in 2007



"He wasn't a miracle cure, but he filled people with a little extra belief"



Jimmy Adams growing up, with bat in hand

day in the middle of the Hampshire junior season!

"I can only look back with huge fondness on my time growing up."

One of Jimmy's first coaches was the former Hampshire wicketkeeper Bob Stephenson, at Twyford School.

"He was great, a hard taskmaster! He probably did the hardest job – getting 8-12 year-olds to do the basics!

"But that gave me a good solid base to move onwards."

Adams was in the same year as the likes of future Hampshire teammate John Francis and Rob Moore, an outstanding all-round sportsman who represented Great Britain at hockey.

"We had a strong team with three to four other Hampshire U11s.

"In a weird way being in a competitive school side helped me. It wasn't all about success but it's more fun when you're doing well and it rolled from there."

Gordon Lord, currently the ECB's head of elite coach development, was another early influence.

"As a youngster he was always there if needs be."

At St Cross CC in Winchester, Jimmy was helped by the likes of Alan Rowe, while his cricket coach at Sherborne School was Alan Willows, formerly of Dorset and Sussex.

"There were so many influences, especially from 15-17, so I've probably forgotten someone.

"Alan Willows was really good for me. I still see him a lot. He's hyperactive, he loves it!"

At Loughborough, Adams flourished under Graham Dille, the former England bowler fondly remembered for his tail-end exploits alongside Ian Botham during the extraordinary Ashes win at Headingley in 1981.

Tragically, Dille died of cancer in 2011, aged 52.

"Dill, bless him, probably saw a kindred spirit in me," continues Adams. "We're both a little short of confidence and we had a really good relationship."

"He wasn't everyone's cup of tea. He was a lovely guy but if you got on the wrong side of him it was tough!

"Fortunately I was on the right side of him from the word go, but I was starting to lose that spark when I first

went to uni.

"I'd been to Australia for a couple of winters and not enjoyed it. So Dill told me not to pick up my bat till January. I was looking forward to playing by then.

"There are times when you can play too much and it's not enjoyable.

"We have a great life playing cricket and it's obviously all relative. But while other people would love to be in our shoes it gets to the point where you need a break. I got that break and had a good three years at Loughborough."

Adams replies instantly when asked who the biggest influence on his captaincy has been: "Dale Benkenstein."

Hampshire's head coach gave Adams a unique insight as a former County Championship-winning captain of Durham last year.

Jimmy Cook and Paul Terry were Adams' first first-team coaches but two other former Hampshire openers – current director of cricket Giles White and batting guru Tony Middleton – have coached him throughout his Ageas Bowl career.

"Tony and Chalks have been a huge support over the last ten years. I've always been lucky like that people have been pushing me forward. Sometimes they have to push you to do things you don't want to do and you realise you owe quite a lot to them.

"Skeg (Nic Pothas) too. I had a quite a few problems with the short ball, I was hit more than anyone in the country.

"The practice was pretty grim but needed to be done."

Then there was the work Adams did with Neil 'Noddy' Holder, which transformed his one-day game during the winter of 2008/09.

Prolific

It was Perth-based Holder, coach to Mike Hussey and Justin Langer, who prompted Adams to consider the possibility of an Ashes call-up in 2010/11, following the most prolific season of his career (he made 2,540 runs in all cricket in 2010).

"Noddy said 'you realise you're one ball from opening at the Gabba if Cook or Strauss gets a broken finger'," said Adams, who toured the West Indies with the England Lions at the beginning of 2011.

"He said 'you're going to be in the squad and how many other openers are there in the squad?' When that sunk in I thought 'wow!'"

"That was a mixed feeling of trepidation versus the realisation of being so close to potentially playing for my country."

"If I'd seen my phone ring and thought it might have been a selector I would have let it go to answerphone rather than answer it expectantly.

"It was nice to be potentially on the radar a bit but that was never my benchmark.

"That was here and trying to perform in first-class. Some might mind that strange but that's the way it was and the way it is."

"I'd always found it so hard to break into the Hampshire team I never got to thinking about the step up to the real top level. "First-class cricket was the real peak and it still is in a sense."

"I never got past that rung of the ladder."

Hampshire are looking forward to the top rung of county cricket following last year's promotion under Adams, who has since extended his contract till the end of the 2016 season.

Still one of the fittest players on the staff, there is no reason why he cannot play beyond that.

"It's performance dependent but I've been lucky with injuries and hopefully that continues," he said. Here, here.

Sports Quiz

1 Name the current Cambridge manager who has previously coached in Sweden.

2 Which rugby union side play their home games at the AJ Bell Stadium?

3 What is the surname of Scotland's 2014 Commonwealth Games bronze-medal winning badminton player Imogen?

4 Which retired Welsh goalkeeper can number Burnley, Tranmere, Middlesbrough and Sheffield United among his former clubs?

5 Which Canadian former swimmer served as the president of the World Anti-Doping Agency between 1999 and 2007?

6 Samuel Eto'o won the 2010 Serie A title with which club?



QUESTION 6: Samuel Eto'o

7 Who is the reigning men's champion at the Australian Open tennis?

8 Middlesex batsman Nick Compton has played how many Test matches for England?

9 In which sport do the Manchester Thunder take on the Surrey Storm?

10 Carlo Janka is a leading name in which sport?

11 Who are the defending champions at the African Nations Cup?

12 How many times did Paula Radcliffe win the London Marathon?

13 Danny Cipriani played for which team in Super Rugby?

14 In which city was Raheem Sterling born?

15 Which two teams will contest Super Bowl XLIX?

Answers - 1 Richard Money; 2 Sale Sharks; 3 Bankier; 4 Danny Coyne; 5 Dick Pound; 6 Inter Milan; 7 Stan Wawrinka; 8 Nina; 9 Netball; 10 Skiing; 11 Nigeria; 12 Three; 13 Melbourne Rebels; 14 Kingston, Jamaica; 15 New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks.

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West Ham	22	7	2	3	19	10	3	4	3	16	15	36
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Hull	22	2	3	5	10	12	2	4	6	10	18	19
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Brentford	27	8	3	2	24	15	7	1	6	20	21	49	
Derby City	26	7	4	2	28	12	7	2	4	20	13	48	
Watford	27	8	3	3	35	16	6	2	5	21	15	47	
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Norwich	27	6	5	3	32	18	6	2	5	18	16	43	
Sheff Wed	26	3	5	5	7	12	6	5	2	14	11	37	
Blackburn	26	6	4	3	20	14	3	5	5	16	21	36	
Birmingham	26	5	3	5	18	24	4	5	4	13	15	35	
Nottm For	27	4	5	4	21	20	4	5	5	16	19	34	
Cardiff	27	8	1	4	23	18	1	6	7	13	22	34	
Fulham	27	7	2	5	23	17	3	2	8	17	30	34	
Huddersfld	27	6	4	3	19	15	3	3	8	16	30	34	
Bolton	26	4	4	3	20	14	3	2	8	9	19	33	
Charlton	27	4	7	2	14	12	2	7	5	10	22	32	
Reading	26	6	4	3	19	13	2	3	8	12	29	30	
Brighton	27	3	6	5	15	17	3	5	5	15	18	29	
Leeds Utd	27	6	4	4	16	12	1	4	8	12	26	29	
Rotherham	26	3	5	5	12	18	2	6	5	9	15	26	
Millwall	26	3	3	7	15	24	2	5	6	10	20	23	
Wigan	27	2	7	5	14	14	2	2	9	12	22	21	
Blackpool	27	3	3	7	9	19	0	5	9	12	31	17	

SkyBet League One

Colchester.....2	Leyton O.....0
Massey 14	
Gorkss 47	
HT 1-0	Att 5,668
Fleetwood Town 1	Crawley.....0
Sarcevic 43	
HT 1-0	Att 2,601
Gillingham.....3	Oldham.....2
Marquis 7,14	Kelly 20
Dack 70	Poleon 23
HT 2-2	Att 4,959
M K Dons.....2	Barnsley.....0
Alli 57	
Grigg 63	
HT 0-0	Att 8,310
Notts Cnty.....1	Peterboro.....2
G Thompson 41	Maddison 14, Burgess 62
HT 1-1	Att 5,960
Port Vale.....0	Crewe.....1
	Ajose 39
HT 0-1	Att 8,002
Yeovil.....0	Coventry.....0
HT 0-0	Att 4,422

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Swindon	26	8	3	2	24	13	8	3	2	28	12	54
Bristol C	25	9	2	1	23	9	7	4	2	25	13	54
M K Dons	25	10	2	2	36	12	5	4	2	17	14	51
Preston	26	6	6	1	23	15	7	2	4	17	11	47
Rochdale	25	4	3	6	17	17	7	1	4	28	16	37
Fleetwood T	27	5	6	3	15	14	5	1	7	12	12	37
Bradford	25	4	3	6	16	18	6	3	3	16	11	36
Sheff Utd	24	5	4	3	14	12	5	2	5	16	17	36
Chesterfld	25	6	3	3	19	14	3	5	5	17	20	35
Notts Cnty	26	4	2	7	15	19	5	6	2	15	12	35
Doncaster	25	3	4	5	9	13	6	4	3	17	16	35
Port Vale	27	7	2	5	20	18	3	3	7	13	20	35
Peterboro	26	4	3	6	14	18	6	1	6	19	16	34
Oldham	25	5	4	3	18	18	3	6	4	17	20	34
Walsall	26	4	4	5	14	16	4	5	4	12	12	33
Gillingham	27	6	4	4	23	21	2	3	8	12	22	31
Coventry	27	4	5	4	13	17	3	4	7	14	20	30
Barnsley	25	5	2	5	23	21	3	3	7	11	17	29
Scunthorpe	23	4	1	6	11	18	4	4	4	21	21	29
Crewe	26	5	3	5	14	19	3	2	8	11	25	29
Colchester	26	3	2	8	14	22	4	4	5	17	20	27
Leyton O	26	2	3	7	15	18	4	5	5	19	21	26
Yeovil	27	2	5	7	6	19	4	2	7	15	20	25
Crawley	26	4	5	4	14	19	1	4	8	10	24	24

SkyBet League Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wycombe	27	7	4	2	18	11	7	6	1	22	10	52
Shrewsbury	27	12	2	0	29	5	3	4	6	10	13	51
Burton A	27	10	1	2	20	8	5	5	4	17	18	51
Luton	26	8	3	2	18	5	5	5	3	12	13	47
Southend	27	5	6	2	11	5	8	2	4	18	18	47
Newport C	27	8	4	1	23	12	5	3	6	13	20	46
Bury	26	9	2	3	24	14	3	3	6	14	18	41
Stevenage	27	9	1	3	24	14	3	4	7	15	21	41
Exeter	28	5	5	4	18	17	6	3	5	20	22	41
Plymouth	27	8	3	3	22	7	3	4	6	8	12	40
Morecambe	27	5	4	4	12	11	5	3	6	15	14	37
Wimbledon	26	6	3	5	23	19	4	3	5	14	18	36
Cambridge	25	6	1	5	22	11	4	4	5	17	18	35
Northmptn	27	7	2	5	26	19	3	2	8	14	19	34
Acc Stanley	25	6	2	3	18	14	4	1	9	17	28	33
Oxford Utd	27	4	4	6	17	18	3	5	5	13	18	30
Cheltnham	27	3	7	4	13	16	4	2	7	11	21	30
POMPEY	26	6	3	4	22	14	1	5	7	6	19	29
York	27	1	8	5	10	15	4	5	4	17	17	28
Mansfield	26	5	4	4	14	13	2	3	8	7	20	28
Tranmere	26	4	6	4	19	16	2	3	7	8	15	27
Carlisle	27	5	2	6	19	22	3	1	10	14	27	27
Dagenham	26	4	1	8	13	18	3	4	6	13	19	26
Hartlepool	27	2	4	7	10	20	2	2	10	9	27	18

AFC Wimbledon 2	Acc Stanley.....1
Rigg 37	Buxton 88
Azeez 78	
HT 1-0	Att 3,859
Bury.....2	Carlisle.....1
Nardiello 16 pen,62	Rigg 22
HT 1-1	Att 3,589
Cheltnham.....1	Luton.....1
Kotwica 20	Whalley 21
HT 1-1	Att 3,611
Mansfield.....0	Wycombe.....0
HT 0-0	Att 2,759
Northmptn.....3	Newport County.....0
Cresswell 13	
O Toole 29	
D Ath 82	
HT 2-0	Att 4,226
Oxford Utd.....2	Exeter.....2
Hylton 18	Davies 37
Roberts 90	Nicholls 88
HT 1-1	Att 6,791
Plymouth.....1	Morecambe.....1
R Reid 45	Redshaw 52
HT 1-0	Att 6,314
POMPEY.....1	Southend.....2
Webster 24	Leonard 29
	Pigott 70
	Att 15,573
HT 1-1	



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Shrewsbury.....3	Stevenage.....2
Collins 22,88	Marriott 10
Lawrence 24 pen	Wells 42
HT 2-2	Att 4,565
Tranmere.....1	Hartlepool.....1
Odejayi 12	Fenwick 14
HT 1-1	Att 5,488
York.....1	Burton Albion.....1
Sinclair 70	McGurk 87
HT 0-0	Att 3,398

Scottish Premiership

Dundee Utd.....3	Motherwell.....1
Telfer 61,90	Ramsden 78
Fojut 69	
HT 0-0	Att 7,176
Hamilton.....0	Inverness CT.....2
	Gillespie 53 og
HT 0-0	Ross 76
Kilmarnock.....2	Partick.....2
Magennis 33	Stevenson 2
Pascali 79	Frans 84
HT 1-1	Att 4,130
Ross Cnty.....0	Celtic.....1
	Commons 52
HT 0-0	Att 5,289
St Mirren.....1	Dundee.....2
McLean 40	Irvine 53
	Davidson 69
HT 1-0	Att 4,010



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